

## Female Sterilisation

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<b>Subject</b>	Female Sterilisation
<b>Date of decision</b>	Approved by ENHCCG Governing Body December 2017  The full consultation papers including the impact assessments can be found using the below link;  <a href="https://www.healthierfuture.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/2017/October/JOint-Committee-Papers-v1.pdf">https://www.healthierfuture.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/2017/October/JOint-Committee-Papers-v1.pdf</a>
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### GUIDANCE

#### **Policy Summary Female Sterilisation**

East and North Hertfordshire CCG has assessed the provision of Female sterilisation for its population against the prioritisation framework and deemed the procedure to be low priority.

This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence, introduction of new contraceptive methods into the market or new national guidance e.g. NICE.

This guidance concerns female sterilisation procedures with the exception of those carried out immediately after a caesarean as this is covered within the maternity pathway.

Funding applications for female sterilisation will be considered on an individual case by case basis, for instance where other long acting forms of contraception are unsuitable for the patient.

Applications for funding will be considered through the Individual Funding Request (IFR) Process. IFR requests will need to confirm why this is the best option for the individual patient and why others forms of contraception are not suitable.

**Any female sterilisation procedures undertaken without an approved IFR will not be funded. Requests for funding should be made to the IFR team prior to a referral being made.**

The reversal of sterilisation is not routinely funded. Please refer to interim priorities forum statement 3 – reversal of sterilisation.

<http://www.enhertscg.nhs.uk/reversal-sterilisation-policy>