

NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

Reversal of Vasectomy and Sterilisation

Criteria Based Access Protocol



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REVERSAL OF VASECTOMY AND STERILISATION CRITERIA BASED ACCESS PROTOCOL

1. INTRODUCTION AND SCOPE

- 1.1 Reversal of sterilisation involves the reconstruction of the vas deferens in males (vasovasostomy, vasoepididymostomy) and the reconstruction of the fallopian tubes in females.
- 1.2 Sterilisation is an intervention which is undertaken with the intention of causing permanent infertility. It is expected that patients undergoing sterilisation procedures do so with fully informed consent, which would include anticipation of regret and consideration of the implications of a change in their family circumstances.
- 1.3 Sterilisation is provided under the NHS on the understanding that it is an irreversible procedure. Patients are informed of this and written consent including this understanding is sought before the operation is carried out.
- 1.4 This protocol is applied in accordance with the Policy for Individual Patient Treatments.
- 1.5 NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group does not routinely fund the reversal of Vasectomy and Sterilisation.

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1 Any definitions related to this Criteria Based Access Protocol are included as a Glossary at Appendix B.

3. EXCLUSIONS

- 3.1 NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group does not routinely fund the reversal of Vasectomy and Sterilisation.

4. CASES FOR INDIVIDUAL CONSIDERATION

- 4.1 Although this intervention is not routinely commissioned, the Policy for Individual Patient Treatments (which is available on the NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group website or upon request), recognises that there will be occasions when patients who are not considered for funding may have good clinical reasons for being treated as exceptions. In such cases the requesting clinician must provide further information to support the case for being considered as an exception.
- 4.2 The fact that treatment is likely to be effective for a patient is not, in itself a basis for exceptional circumstances. In order for funding to be agreed there must be some unusual or unique clinical factor in respect of the patient that suggests that they are:

- significantly different to the general population of patients with the particular condition; and
- they are likely to gain significantly more benefits from the intervention than might be expected for the average patient with the condition.

4.3 In these circumstances, please refer to the Individual Patient Treatment Team at the address below:

First Floor West
Vespasian House
Barrack Road
Dorchester
DT1 1TG
Telephone no: 01305 368936
Email: individual.requests@dorsetccg.nhs.uk

5. CONSULTATION

- 5.1 Prior to approval from the Planned and Specialist Clinical Delivery Group, this Protocol was reviewed by the Individual Patient Treatment Panel which includes commissioners, clinicians and other relevant stakeholders.
- 5.2 An Equality Impact Assessment for this Criteria Based Access Protocol is available on request.

6. COMMUNICATION/DISSEMINATION

- 6.1 Following approval each Criteria Based Access Protocol will be uploaded to the CCG's Intranet, Internet and added to the next GP Bulletin.

7. IMPLEMENTATION

- 7.1 Following review of this Criteria Based Access Protocol it was agreed there were no new aspects to be included in this version and therefore no requirement for an implementation plan.

8. DOCUMENT REVIEW FREQUENCY AND VERSION CONTROL

- 8.1 This Criteria Based Access Protocol requires a review every three years, or in the event of any changes to national guidance or when new guidance is issued.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

N/A

GLOSSARY

N/A

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D ASSOCIATED DOCUMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy for individual patient treatment, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group • Making sense of Local Access Based Protocols, NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group 	

E SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS/EVIDENCE BASED REFERENCES		
Evidence	Hyperlink (if available)	Date

G DISTRIBUTION LIST			
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