

## Thames Valley Priorities Committee Commissioning Policy Statement

**Policy No. TVPC68**                      **Female Sterilisation**

**Recommendation made by  
the Priorities Committee:**      July 2017/ Updated January 2021<sup>1</sup>

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Thames Valley Priorities Committee has reviewed the provision of female sterilisation services across Thames Valley CCGs.

Due to associated levels of regret and the availability of more cost effective methods of contraception, female sterilisation is **not normally funded**.

### NOTES:

- Potentially exceptional circumstances may be considered by a patient's CCG where there is evidence of significant health status impairment (e.g. inability to perform activities of daily living) and there is evidence that the intervention sought would improve the individual's health status.
- This policy will be reviewed in the light of new evidence or new national guidance, e.g., from NICE.
- Thames Valley clinical policies can be viewed at <http://www.fundingrequests.ccsu.nhs.uk/>

### OPCS Codes

Q27 Open bilateral occlusion of fallopian tubes

Q27.1 Open bilateral ligation of fallopian tubes

Q27.2 Open bilateral clipping of fallopian tubes

*Includes: Open bilateral ringing of fallopian tubes*

Q27.8 Other specified

Q27.9 Unspecified

Q28 Other open occlusion of fallopian tube

Q28.1 Open ligation of remaining solitary fallopian tube

Q28.2 Open ligation of fallopian tube NEC

Q28.3 Open clipping of remaining solitary fallopian tube

*Includes: Open ringing of remaining solitary fallopian tube*

Q28.4 Open clipping of fallopian tube NEC

*Includes: Open ringing of fallopian tube NEC*

Q28.8 Other specified

Q28.9 Unspecified

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<sup>1</sup> No changes were made to this policy.

Q35 Endoscopic bilateral occlusion of fallopian tubes  
Q35.1 Endoscopic bilateral cauterisation of fallopian tubes  
Q35.2 Endoscopic bilateral clipping of fallopian tubes  
Q35.3 Endoscopic bilateral ringing of fallopian tubes  
Q35.4 Endoscopic bilateral placement of intrafallopian implants  
*Includes: Hysteroscopic placement of intrafallopian implants*  
Q35.8 Other specified  
Q35.9 Unspecified

Q36 Other endoscopic occlusion of fallopian tube  
Q36.1 Endoscopic occlusion of remaining solitary fallopian tube  
Q36.2 Endoscopic placement of intrafallopian implant into remaining solitary fallopian tube  
*Includes: Hysteroscopic placement of intrafallopian implant into remaining solitary fallopian tube*  
Q36.8 Other specified  
Q36.9 Unspecified