

**Commissioning Statement:**

<b>Condition or Treatment:</b>	Vasectomy under General Anaesthetic
<b>Commissioning position:</b>	The CCG commissions vasectomy services under local anaesthetic in a number of settings. Vasectomy under general anaesthetic is not routinely commissioned.
<b>Referral Guidance:</b>	<p>Exceptional cases can be referred to the CCG's Individual Funding Request Panel for prior approval.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HRW/SR GP Practices: <a href="https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/">https://ifryh.necsu.nhs.uk/</a></li> <li>• HaRD GP practices: <a href="#">Referral Form</a></li> </ul>
<b>Effective From:</b>	1 July 2021
<b>Summary of evidence/ rationale:</b>	<p>The purpose of vasectomy is to provide permanent birth control. A vasectomy is a male surgical procedure to cut or tie the vas deferens as a reliable method of contraception, usually done under local anaesthetic. The vas deferens is a tube that carries sperm from the testicles.</p> <p>NHS North Yorkshire CCG recommends that men who request a vasectomy are fully assessed and counselled before the procedure is given, including taking the medical history of both partners to ascertain if the procedure is, indeed, the most appropriate intervention.</p> <p>Most vasectomies are carried out under local anaesthetic. This means only the scrotum and testicles will be numbed.</p> <p>The Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Clinical Guidance for Male and Female Sterilisation recommends that Vasectomy should be performed under local anaesthesia wherever possible.</p>
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