

**Appendix C:  
Service Changes: Female sterilisation**

<b>Organisation</b>	East and North Hertfordshire and Herts Valleys CCGs
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<b>Description of service variation</b>	Stopping the routine funding for female sterilisation except in exceptional circumstances which would be assessed on a case-by-case basis if alternative forms of long-acting contraception are unsuitable.
<b>Reasons for service variation i.e. Case for Change</b>	We have reviewed female sterilisation services, with clinical and public health input, and have deemed it to be of low priority. There are many other forms of contraception available including long-acting options for patients and their partners that are available at no cost from GPs or Herts sexual health services.
<b>Impact on the Wider Community</b> <i>(e.g. transport, accessibility)</i>	The range of NHS funded contraception would be reduced. Women would need to consider alternative methods or fund the procedure privately if they still wish to go ahead.
<b>Number of Patients/Carers Affected</b>	On average, 100 patients each year access female sterilisation services. A small number of these patients will still be funded in exceptional circumstances.
<b>Changes in Methods of Service Delivery</b>	The patient's clinician would put forward an individual request to the CCGs for the procedure to be undertaken on the NHS if the patient wished to proceed.
<b>Impact on other Services</b> <i>(e.g. health, social care, voluntary sector)</i>	Alternative forms of contraception are funded by the CGG or Public Health. There would therefore be a minimal cost implication for public health. Some alternative forms of contraception require active monitoring so there may be a requirement for a small number of additional appointments in GP Practices.
<b>Impact on different communities</b> <i>(e.g. age, gender, locality)</i>	Please see equality assessment. Links to go live 8 July: <a href="http://www.healthierfuture.org.uk/nhsletstalk">www.healthierfuture.org.uk/nhsletstalk</a>
<b>Date due at Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>	Herts Valleys financial turnaround plans discussed at HWBB 19 May 2017 Programme as a whole presented at HWBB conference 30 June
<b>Proposed Engagement</b>	This is one of the proposals that form part of the major 'let's talk' consultation

	programme that both CCGs are conducting over the summer months.
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