

**Reference:** FOI.ICB-2627/115

**Subject:** Female Sterilisation Procedures

*I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:*

| QUESTION                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | RESPONSE                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |      |              |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |   |      |    |
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| 1. Whether your ICB routinely commissions and funds female sterilisation procedures.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | BNSSG ICB has a funding policy for Female Sterilisation & Reversal which can be found here: <a href="https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/directory/female-sterilisation-reversal/">https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/directory/female-sterilisation-reversal/</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |      |              |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |   |      |    |
| <p>If so, for each of the last five calendar years in which information is available, please provide:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The total number of female sterilisation procedures performed by the ICB</li> <li>2. The total number of female sterilisation requests that were rejected by the ICB</li> <li>3. Where available, a breakdown of recorded reasons for refusal</li> </ol> | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The ICB does not perform female sterilisation procedures. This information would need to be sourced directly from providers undertaking the activity.</li> <li>2. Number of rejected referrals for female sterilisation are included in the table below</li> <li>3. The rejected referrals did not meet criteria for funding.</li> </ol> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>No. Rejected</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2021</td><td>&lt;5</td></tr> <tr> <td>2022</td><td>&lt;5</td></tr> <tr> <td>2023</td><td>&lt;5</td></tr> <tr> <td>2024</td><td>0</td></tr> <tr> <td>2025</td><td>&lt;5</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Please note that '&lt;5' has been used where the numbers are under 5 as this could make the data identifiable.</p> | Year | No. Rejected | 2021 | <5 | 2022 | <5 | 2023 | <5 | 2024 | 0 | 2025 | <5 |
| Year                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | No. Rejected                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |      |              |      |    |      |    |      |    |      |   |      |    |
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***The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 June 2026 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.***