**GGC Vasectomy service 15 April 2020**

The Sandyford Sexual Health Service provides a well-established model for perioperative counselling and vasectomy to patients from the North and South sectors. This model has now been extended to create a single vasectomy pathway for all NHS GGC patients, including those from the Clyde sector.

This single harmonised pathway has been developed to ensure that there is equity of access for all patients across NHS GGC. Ultimately, extending this pathway to patients in the Clyde sector will also reduce vasectomy waiting times.

All patients requiring a vasectomy should be referred to the Sandyford Vasectomy service. Patients may be referred by their primary care team through the Scigateway portal or choose to self-refer by contacting the Sandyford Sexual Health Service directly. The phone number for self-referral is 0141 211 8654.

All patients will receive a perioperative counselling appointment, providing them with a dedicated time to discuss all aspects of the procedure. In line with current clinical guidance for vasectomy, alternative forms of contraception may also be discussed at this appointment.

When the patient is ready, they can be treated under local anaesthetic at the Sandyford Central Building on Sauchiehall Street. If the patient needs a general anaesthetic or treatment on an acute site, the Sandyford team will refer them directly onto the Acute Urology service.