

FOI Request: Infertility Treatment
Our Reference Number: 1314354

1. Does your Clinical Commissioning Group currently fund IVF/ICSI treatments for infertile couples? If so, how many cycles of treatment are routinely offered to eligible couples?

Please see embedded document below:



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2. Which fertility clinic(s) can patients funded by your CCG attend for their fertility treatment?

- Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge
- Leicester Fertility Centre, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust
- Oxford Fertility Unit
- Barts and The London Centre for Reproductive Medicine
- IVF Hammersmith

3. How many patients and cycles of IVF/ICSI has your CCG funded in the first six months of the current financial year (April to September 2013)?

We currently only have information with regards to activity with 1 of the above providers, Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge. This does not show the number of patients, but only the number of cycles.
NHS Southend CCG – 31 cycles

No information has yet been received in relation to any treatments carried out at Barts and The London Centre for Reproductive Medicine; Oxford Fertility Unit; IVF Hammersmith; or Leicester Fertility Centre, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.

Additional to this, due to current restrictions in place regarding access to patient identifiable data, the CCGs are unable to collate figures in relation to referrals or treatments from these providers from any other sources. Full figures may be available if you contact the Health and Social Care Information Centre (HSCIC). Information on how to submit a FOI request to HSCIC is available here:

www.hscic.gov.uk/foi

4. How many patients have requested funding for IVF/ICSI treatment from the CCG in the first six months of the current financial year (April to September 2013) but have been ineligible?

Funding is only requested from the CCG where the patient does not meet the Service Restriction Policy and may potentially be considered exceptional. Patients who meet the criteria in policy can be referred directly to the provider and funding is automatically granted. The CCG is not notified of these patients.
NHS Southend CCG – 7 funding requests, 5 approved, 1 declined and 1 pending.

5. How much has the CCG been spent in in the first six months of the current financial year (April to September 2013) on funding IVF/ICSI treatment?

We currently only have information with regards to spend with 3 of the above providers, Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge; Oxford Fertility Unit; and IVF Hammersmith.

No information has yet been received in relation to any treatments carried out at Barts and The London Centre for Reproductive Medicine, or Leicester Fertility Centre, University Hospitals of Leicester NHS Trust.

NHS Southend CCG – £120,837.54

6. What is the average waiting time for the patients funded by your CCG (i) between GP referral and initial consultation with a specialist, and (ii) between GP referral and commencing IVF/ICSI treatment?

We do not hold this information.

This should be available from either GP practices themselves, or NHS England, as commissioner of GP services. Information on how to submit a FOI request to NHS England is available here:

www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/