

FOI Request: IVF Treatment
Our Reference Number: 1314344

1. According to your fertility treatment policy how many cycles of IVF do you offer to eligible patients?

NHS Southend CCG and NHS Thurrock CCG –

We are still using the PCT policy. Please see embedded document:



service-restriction-policy-2012[1].pdf

2. Since the CCG was established:

a) how many people have received a clinical recommendation for IVF treatment?

b) how many rounds of IVF have you agreed to fund?

c) how many patients have you agreed to fund?

We do not hold this information. 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. This information may be available if you contact either 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

or from the providers themselves listed below (where they are subject to the FOI Act, information should be available on their respective websites).

- 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. What are your criteria for refusing to fund IVF with regards to:

a) BMI?, b) smoking?, c) age?, and d) other restrictions?

Please see response to question 1, this is contained within the policy.

4. Is your policy to refuse to fund IVF treatment if:

a) the patient has a previous child?, and b) the patient's partner has a previous child?

Please see response to question 1, this is contained within the policy.

5. How many patients who meet your above criteria have you refused to fund?

If patients meet criteria funding is not refused.

6a) If you fund a cycle of IVF, does that include funding subsequent frozen embryo transfers if the round is unsuccessful? And, b) If the answer is "no", do you count funding a frozen embryo transfer as a separate cycle?

Please see response to question 1, this is contained within the policy.

7a) How many patients did you, or your preceding PCT, fund for IVF treatment in each of the last five financial years (2008/9 - 2012/13)?

We do not hold this information.

When PCTs operated, IVF was commissioned on their behalf by East of England Specialist Commissioning Group (EoE SCG). This information will be available either from them, or from the Department of Health, who have taken on all PCT records not transferred to successor organisations of PCTs.

EoE SCG is now hosted by the East Anglia Local Area Team of NHS England, information on how to submit a FOI request is available here:

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

To submit a request to the DH Legacy team, please use the following email address:

Reviews&InformationTeam@dh.gsi.gov.uk

b) Of the cohorts of patients funded in each of those years, how many have resulted in live births as a result of the treatment?

We do not hold this information.

8. What is the average cost of an IVF cycle funded by the CCG?

Approximately £3,000.

9. When will you next be reviewing your policy on IVF provision?

This is currently in progress.

10. Which MPs are in your CCGs boundaries?

Under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, a public authority does not have to provide information in response to a request when that information is reasonably accessible to the applicant by other means. The information you have requested can be accessed here:

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Parliamentary_constituencies_in_Essex