

Ref: 010FOI21.22 – Fertility Services for Female Same Sex Couples

Re: Access to fertility services for female same-sex couples

1. Please disclose:

a. Whether or not NHS Kirklees CCG funds IVF services for female same-sex couples?

b. If so, how many cycles of IVF per couple does the CCG fund per couple?

Information that is reasonably accessible by other means is exempt under section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act. You can access the policy via the following link: https://www.kirkleesccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/01/2020-04-01_Policy_Fertility_GHNK_CCG-FINAL.pdf.pagespeed.ce.jrqAnsOL6C.pdf

2. If the answer to (1a) is yes, please disclose:

a. Under NHS Kirklees CCG's current policy, how many cycles of artificial insemination must be undertaken by a female same-sex couple in order to become eligible to access NHS-funded IVF?

b. How many of the abovementioned cycles of artificial insemination must be self-funded by the couple?

Please refer to the answer given to question 1.

3. Please disclose whether or not NHS Kirklees CCG funds:

a. Procedures using donor sperm

b. The cost of the donor sperm itself to be used in those procedures

Please refer to the answer given to question 1.

4. Please disclose how many cycles of IVF have been provided to female same-sex couples, funded by NHS Kirklees CCG, in the last:

a. One year (April 2020 – present)

b. Five years (April 2016 – present)?

The CCG does not hold this information – you may wish to refer your request to the commissioned fertility services at Calderdale and Huddersfield NHS Foundation Trust (foi@cht.nhs.uk) and Leeds Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust (Leedsth-tr.informationgovernance@nhs.net).

5. Please disclose:

- a. Whether or not NHS Kirklees CCG's policy re. IVF access for female same-sex couples has been subject to any legal challenge?**
- b. If so, how much money has been paid out by NHS Kirklees CCG in settlements to resolve these challenges in the last five years (April 2016 – present)?**

The CCGs are not aware of any such legal challenges and we have not made any settlements.