

F-2015-00081- data for IVF treatments at Nuffield Woking, Croydon University Hospital and Kingston hospital

Summary of request

The Authority was asked for the following data for Nuffield Woking, Croydon University Hospital and Kingston Hospital:

- The number of treatment and associated outcomes for the last full year according to age of patient (NHS funded only)
- The success rate for the same patient for each subsequent cycle up to a maximum of three cycles.

HFEA response

Please find the requested information attached. Kingston Hospital, although licensed, has not performed any IVF treatments. Croydon University Hospital is actually a satellite centre for The Bridge (0070) and does not perform treatments itself, therefore I have included the data from that centre.

A few explanatory notes about the tables showing the success rates for subsequent treatments might be useful. What I provided is a good place start but you may want to think about whether you would like to limit or exclude certain factors. For example, you may also want to break down cycles within the same egg batch. That would mean you could compare women having the same treatment type eg The first cycle being a fresh embryo transfer (IVF) with subsequent frozen embryo transfers as their second and third cycles. This would also mean that the effective age of the embryos used for all cycles in a woman's treatment would be the same age.

Each table shows the number of women having their first treatment cycle (including IVF and ICSI fresh/frozen, NHS and privately funded) in that year and the success of that first treatment. If they have a child on their first cycle they are then removed from the treatment cohort and are not represented in the following row of the table showing women having their second treatment (which may take place at any time after the year in which they had their first cycle). Any women who have a successful birth on their second cycle will likewise be removed from the dataset and so will not appear in the figures for women having their third cycle. Therefore all women having a successful birth on their third cycle will have been unsuccessful in their 2 previous attempts. No patient had had any previous treatment at a different centre.

Please note that I have replaced small numbers with a '<5' figure because there is a significant possibility that this information, when combined with other information to which you may reasonably be expected to have access, could lead to the identification of a person to whom the HFEA owes a duty of confidentiality. To disclose this information in these circumstances may therefore result in a breach of the confidentiality provisions of section 33A of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended), and the information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.