

## **F-2015-00285- freezing of eggs and embryos by region**

21<sup>st</sup> September 2015

### **Summary of request**

The Authority was asked for:

- The number of women who underwent elective oocyte cryopreservation
- Their reasons for cryopreservation
- The number of these patients whose treatment was funded by the NHS
- The regional breakdown of the numbers of elective oocyte cryopreservation

### **HFEA response**

Please find that information attached. Please note that the HFEA does not collect information on the reasons patients have for undergoing cryopreservation treatment. Since this information is not held it is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (2000).

You will 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.