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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding IVF treatment services within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. According to your current IVF treatment policy:
 - a. How many cycles of IVF do you offer to eligible patients?
 - b. Do you fund a full cycle of IVF, as defined by NICE, which includes replacement of all frozen embryos? If not how many frozen embryo transfers do you fund?
 - c. What is your upper and lower age limit that female patients must meet in order to qualify for treatment?
 - d. Do you fund one full cycle of IVF for women aged 40-42 in line with the NICE guidance?
 - e. Do you have an age criterion that male patients must meet in order to qualify for treatment? If so, please state what the criteria is.
 - f. How long do couples need to be trying to conceive before becoming eligible for treatment?
 - g. What eligibility criteria do you apply in relation to existing children that either one or both partners may have?
 - h. What policy is in place (if any) for the use of Single Embryo Transfer?
 - i. Do you fund fertility treatment for same sex couples, and if so what eligibility criteria do they have to fulfil?

[Please see the link below](#)

<http://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1175/final-south-sefton-ccg-commissioning-policy-13052015.pdf>

2. What is the average cost of a cycle of an IVF cycle funded by the CCG and what does that include?

[Please see Appendix 1 and 2](#)

3. What providers does the CCG contract with to provide IVF services?

- [Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [St Helens and Knowsley Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust](#)

4. Is the assisted conception policy available on the CCG's website? If so please provide a link to the policy.

[Please see the link below](#)

<http://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1435/final-infertility-policy-27082015-ssccg.pdf>

5. In the last 12 months, how many patients have applied for fertility funding (both successfully and unsuccessfully) through an Individual Funding Request?

Treatment	Approved	Declined	Grand Total
Donor Sperm	0	1	1
IVF	1	6	7
Reversal of Vasectomy	0	1	1
Grand Total	1	8	9