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Re: Freedom of Information Request

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

Request/[Response](#):

1. Do same sex couples qualify for NHS fertility treatment on initial presentation (assuming they meet all other IVF funding requirements asked of heterosexual couples e.g. not having an existing child)?

[There needs to be proven evidence of subfertility \(as defined by NICE and undertaken in a clinical setting\) and providing that they meet other criteria within the fertility policy.](#)

[Please see policy which is available on the CCG website –
<https://www.southseftonccg.nhs.uk/media/1435/final-infertility-policy-27082015-ssccg.pdf>](#)

2. If they do not automatically qualify, what steps do they have to take before they do qualify? For example, do they need to self-fund a certain amount of treatments, before proceeding to NHS IVF if these are unsuccessful?

[N/A](#)

3. If they do automatically qualify, what are they entitled to? For example, do they get one round of IUI or IVF on the NHS or more than that?

[Treatments are provided as per the policy for all women who have proven sub fertility.](#)