



# Licence Committee Meeting

8 June 2006

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

## MINUTES Item 1

### **BMI Chelsfield Park ACU (0086) Licence Renewal**

Members:

Ivor Brecker – Chair  
David Archard, Lay Member  
Chris Barratt, Scientific Director,  
Birmingham Women's Health Care  
Assisted Conception Unit

In Attendance:

Frances Clift, Legal Adviser  
Marion Witton, Head of Inspection  
Claudia Lally, Committee Secretary

Observing:

Ruth Fasht

Conflicts of Interest: members of the Committee declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- papers for Licence Committee (46 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Delia Kelleher, HFEA Inspector. Ms Kelleher informed the Committee that this centre has been licensed since 1992. The centre provides approximately 460 treatment cycles a year. A condition was imposed on the centre by a licence committee in April 2005. This condition required the centre to submit an action plan detailing how it would improve the arrangement of its facilities to ensure that the storage dewars can be suitably accommodated. A licence committee in February 2006 had approved the centre's plans to relocate the dewars, and the inspection team had reported that the new arrangements were operating satisfactorily.

2. Ms Kelleher informed the Committee that the inspection team had identified that the centre was not witnessing the disposal of embryos and gametes in accordance with General Directions 2004/4. The Committee noted this breach of Directions and the Code of Practice. The Committee also noted that the centre had agreed with the inspection team that it would henceforth comply with these Directions.

3. The Committee agreed that the report had not identified any significant areas of concern. They also noted the centre's low risk score. Taking into account the fact that the centre had previously been licensed for a year, the Committee agreed to renew the centre's licence for a period of three years, with no additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....  
Ivor Brecker (Chair)