

Licence Committee Meeting

31 October 2005
21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES Item 3

Centre: Bourne Hall Clinic (0100) Interim Inspection

Members:

Walter Merricks, Lay Member – Chair
Jennifer Hunt, Senior Infertility
Counsellor, Wolfson Family Clinic
Neva Haites, Professor of Medical
Genetics, University of Aberdeen
Hossam Abdalla, Clinical Director,
Lister Fertility Centre

In Attendance:

Frances Clift, Legal Adviser
Marion Witton, Head of Inspection
Stephanie Sullivan, Head of Clinical
Governance
Claudia Lally, Secretary to the
Committee

Observer:

Vicky Lamb, HFEA Inspector

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 (55 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Imogen Swann, HFEA Inspector. Ms Swann informed the Committee that this inspection was the second interim inspection of this centre. The centre has a good history of regulatory compliance, and is a busy centre with a full range of activities. No issues of concern were identified at the inspection. At first the inspection team had questioned the centre about what appeared to be a high abandonment rate at the two transport centres, but the centre had satisfied their enquiries.

2. The Committee asked Ms Swann about the three embryo transfer reported at paragraph 83 of the inspection report. Ms Swann replied that these three embryo transfers had all been to women over 40, and all complied with the guidance set out in the Code of Practice.

3. The Committee agreed that the centre's licence should continue with no additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....

Walter Merricks (Chair)