

Licence Committee Meeting

**12 January 2009
21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF**

MINUTES Item 8

Centre for Assisted Reproduction Gateshead, 0170 Change of centre premises and centre name

Members of the Committee:

David Archard, Lay Member – Chair
Sally Cheshire, Lay Member
Hossam Abdulla, Director, Lister
Fertility Clinic

In Attendance:

Debra Bloor, Head of Inspection
Claudia Lally, Committee Secretary

Providing Legal Advice to the
Committee:

Graham Miles, Morgan Cole Solicitors

Declarations 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 (21 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Debra Bloor, Head of Inspection. Dr Bloor informed the Committee that the licence renewal inspection report for this centre was considered by a Licence Committee in November 2008. That Committee had noted the centre's intention to move premises before its current licence came up for renewal at the end of January. The Committee had agreed in principle to renew the centre's current licence: with the new licence to be issued, and charged for, if the centre was unable to complete its move in the expected timeframe. The Committee had also noted that the centre was to submit a further application for a licence at its new premises, under a new name.
2. Dr Bloor informed the Committee that an application for a licence at the new premises had now been received and the proposed new premises had now been visited. Dr Bloor presented the findings of the report of the new premises inspection, which found that subject to the validation of all equipment and the completion of the security system, the new premises are fit for their intended purpose. Dr Bloor drew the Committee's attention to the response by the Person Responsible to the findings of the report. This response highlighted the fact that the security system is now complete. Furthermore, the Person Responsible sets out the steps being

taken to validate equipment, test air quality and update SOPs. He sets out his intention to forward information to the Executive relating to the validation of equipment and air quality testing

The Committee's Decision

3. The Committee noted the recommendations of the inspection report and the response by the Person Responsible. The Committee agreed to grant a five year licence to the centre at the new premises, under the name "the Gateshead Fertility Unit". The Committee agreed that this licence should only be issued once the recommendations set out in the inspection report have been addressed to the satisfaction of the Executive.
4. The Committee noted that if the centre was not ready to address the recommendations in the inspection report and complete the move to its new premises by 31 January, then its current licence would need to be renewed in accordance with the Licence Committee decision of 21 November 2008.

Signed..... Date.....
David Archard (Chair)