

# Licence Committee Meeting

24 July 2008

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

## MINUTES Item 8

### IVF Wales (0049) Interim Inspection

Members of the Committee:

Anna Carragher, Lay Member – Chair  
Ruth Fasht, Lay Member  
Roger Neuberg, Emeritus Consultant  
in Obstetrics and Gynaecology,  
Leicester Royal Infirmary

In Attendance:

Debra Bloor, Head of Inspection  
Claudia Lally, Committee Secretary  
  
Providing Legal Advice to the  
Committee:  
Mary Timms, Field Fisher Waterhouse

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 (58 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Andrew Leonard, HFEA Inspector. Dr Leonard informed the Committee that this centre has been licensed by the HFEA since 1992. The centre provides a wide variety of licensed treatment services and also has small egg sharing, sperm donation and egg donation programmes.
2. Dr Leonard reported that some areas for improvement were identified at the inspection but the inspection team were satisfied with the key areas of service provided by the centre.
3. Dr Leonard summarised the areas of improvement listed at pages 8 to 14 of the inspection report. He informed the Committee that a response had been received from the centre in the form of a detailed action plan, which addressed all the issues raised and stated the Person Responsible's intention to address all the "in house" areas for improvement by 31 July 2008.

4. Dr Leonard noted that the centre's clinical pregnancy rate looks low, especially in relation to frozen embryo transfers. He reported that the centre's recent data suggests that these rates are improving. However, there remains a problem with data submission from the centre to the HFEA.

The Committee's Decision

5. The Committee noted with concern the number of breaches and areas of non-compliance with the Code of Practice which had been identified by the inspection team. The Committee welcomed the action plan which had been put in place to address these issues and stated that it expects the HFEA to monitor progress as the centre implements the plan.
6. The Committee noted with concern the high number of inaccuracies in the data submitted to the HFEA via the Electronic Data Interchange system and recommended that the centre takes urgent action to ensure that the information submitted is timely and accurate.
7. The Committee agreed that the centre's licence should continue with no additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....  
Anna Carragher (Chair