

Licence Committee Meeting

11 October 2006

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES Item 4

James Cook University Hospital (0055) Licence Renewal

Members:

Emily Jackson, Lay Member – Chair
Richard Harries, Lay Member
Ivor Brecker, Lay Member
Maybeth Jamieson, Consultant
Embryologist, Glasgow Royal
Infirmary

In Attendance:

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

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 (45 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Janet Kirkland, HFEA Inspector. Ms Kirkland informed the Committee that this centre is very well organised and the inspection team noted that the centre's documents were all of a very high standard. Patient questionnaires received back from patients at the centre have been overwhelmingly complimentary.

2. The Committee noted that the centre has conducted three embryo transfers to two women under the age of 40 since the previous inspection. The Committee noted that these transfers had taken place on the basis of a consideration of the specific clinical situation of each of the patients concerned. The Committee agreed to remind the centre of the guidance given in the Code of Practice:

(8.20) In circumstances where women are using their own fresh or frozen eggs or embryos, centres are expected to ensure that:

- Women aged under 40 at the time of transfer receive no more than either two eggs or embryos in any one cycle, regardless of the procedure used.

The Committee noted that this issue had also been raised at the previous inspection at the centre and therefore asked the Executive to make three embryo transfers a focus of the next inspection.

3. The Committee noted the centre's low risk score and agreed to renew the centre's licence for a period of five years with no additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....
Emily Jackson (Chair)