

Licence Committee Meeting

28 January 2008
21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES Item 8

Manchester Fertility Services (0033) Interim Inspection

Members of the Committee:

Jennifer Hunt, Lay Member – Chair
David Archard, Lay Member
Sally Cheshire, Lay Member
Hossam Abdalla, Director of Lister
Fertility Centre

Present via teleconference phone:
Neva Haites, Professor of Medical
Genetics, University of Aberdeen

In Attendance:

Stephanie Sullivan, Interim Head of
Inspection
Claudia Lally, Committee Secretary

Providing Legal Advice to the Committee:

Stephen Hocking, Beachcroft LLP
Solicitors

Observing:

Ellie Suthers and Carol Horner, HFEA
Inspectors
Simon Achonu, Beachcroft LLP (trainee)

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 (32 pages)
- one paper was tabled: response to report by unit manager (2 pages) dated 4 December 2007.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Wil Lenton, HFEA Inspector. Mr Lenton informed the Committee that this centre has been licensed since 1986 and carries out about 1,100 licensed treatment cycles per year for fee paying patients. The centre has a good level of compliance. Mr Lenton summarised the findings of the inspection report and read from the tabled response from the Person Responsible, dated 4 December 2007. The Committee endorsed the recommendations of the inspection team and noted that the areas of concern in the inspection report have now all been addressed by the Person Responsible.

2. The Committee noted the findings of the report and the prompt and complete response by the Person Responsible. The Committee asked the Executive to monitor progress during the year.

3. The Committee agreed that the centre's licence should continue without additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....
Jennifer Hunt (Chair)