

Licence Committee Meeting

15 August 2007

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES Item 5

Midland Fertility Services (0008) Interim Inspection

Members of the Committee:

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

In Attendance:

Trish Davies, Director of Regulation
Frances Clift, Legal Adviser
Marion Witton, Head of Inspection
Barbara Lewis, Regulation Team Leader
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 (29 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Neelam Sood, HFEA Inspector. Dr Sood informed the Committee that this centre has been licensed since 1992 and has a good history of regulatory compliance. The centre is busy, carrying out more than 1,000 cycles per year. The centre has changed its premises since the last inspection and its risk score currently stands at 5%. The inspection found that some areas of improvement are required in the centre's organisation, premises and equipment and in its laboratory and clinical processes. An analysis of patient questionnaires has shown a high level of patient satisfaction.

2. Dr Sood pointed out that four recommendations were made by the inspection team and these are detailed at page seven of the inspection report. She drew the Committee's attention to the response to these recommendations by the Person Responsible, appended at page 21 of the report. This response indicates that all the recommendations made in the inspection report have now been addressed with the exception of the recommendation that the air quality in the Andrology

Laboratory needs to be upgraded. Dr Sood explained to the Committee that this remaining issue will be addressed in a forthcoming renovation of the laboratory due to take place by the end of the year.

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

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