

Licence Committee Meeting

21 June 2006

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES Item 3

Centre: Ninewells Hospital (0004) Licence Renewal

Members:

Sharmila Nebhrajani, Lay Member –
Chair

Emily Jackson, Lay Member

Richard Harries, Lay Member

Helene Hayman, Lay Member

In Attendance:

Trish Davies, Director of Regulation

Frances Clift, Legal Adviser

Marion Witton, Head of Inspection

Claudia Lally, Secretary to the
Committee

Conflicts of Interest: members of the Committee declared no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- papers for Licence Committee (49 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 is part of a large NHS Trust and carries out both NHS and self-funded treatments. The centre was established in 1992 and has a good history of regulatory compliance. The centre is awaiting a major refurbishment to take place next year.

2. Dr Sood informed the Committee that the most significant problem identified at the inspection was the lack of privacy for patients undergoing ultrasound examinations. The Committee noted that present arrangements are not ideal and noted that the centre's plans for an upgrade should address this. In the meantime, however, the Committee requested that the centre reviews the problem in consultation with Dr Sood.

3. Dr Sood informed the Committee that the risk assessment she has carried out on the centre indicates an 16% risk, placing the centre amongst the lowest scoring centres.

4. Taking into account the forthcoming refurbishment the Committee agreed to renew the centre's licence for a period of three years, with no additional conditions.

Signed..... Date.....
Sharmila Nebhrajani (Chair)