

# Licence Committee Meeting

12 May 2008

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

## MINUTES Item 2

### Wessex Fertility Limited, 0057 Interim Inspection

Members of the Committee:

Walter Merricks, Lay Member – Chair  
David Archard, Lay Member  
Sally Cheshire, Lay Member  
Jennifer Hunt, Senior Infertility  
Counsellor, IVF Hammersmith  
(Present via conference telephone:)  
Neva Haites, Professor of Medical  
Genetics, University of Aberdeen

In Attendance:

Debra Bloor, Head of Inspection  
Claudia Lally, Committee Secretary

Providing Legal Advice to the  
Committee:

Andrew Lidbetter, Herbert Smith, LLP

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 (28 pages)
- no papers were tabled.

1. The papers for this item were presented by Gill Walsh, HFEA Inspector. Mrs Walsh informed the Committee that this centre was first licensed in 1992 and treats NHS and privately funded patients. Improvements to the premises since the last inspection in January 2007 include a more private reception area and refurbishment of the male production room. Mrs Walsh drew the Committee's attention to the several areas for improvement identified during the interim inspection, summarised at pages 7 and 8 of the inspection report. She also drew the Committee's attention to the response by the Person Responsible, at pages 20 and 21.

The Committee's Decision

2. The Committee endorsed the recommendation in the inspection report that the centre regularly updates the HFEA Executive on any progress towards improving the centre's success rates.

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

Signed..... Date.....  
Walter Merricks (Chair)