

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

11 March 2010

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

Minutes – item 4

Louis Hughes (0011), Application for change of Centre Name

Members of the Panel:

Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information (Chair) Committee Administrator:
Joanne McAlpine

Mark Bennett, Director of Finance & Facilities

Ian Peacock, Analyst Programmer

Declarations 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 (10 pages)
- Tabled email from the inspectorate on behalf of the centre (1 page)

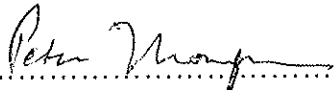
The Committee also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Licence Committee Meetings of the Authority's Executive Licensing Panel
- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- Direction 0008 (where relevant), and any other relevant Directions issued by the Authority;
- Decision Trees for Granting and Renewing Licences and Considering Requests to Vary a Licence
- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21 January 2009
- Indicative applications guidance on the time period for which licences should be granted approved by the Authority on 21 October 2009
- Indicative sanctions guidance approved by the Authority on 18 March 2009
- Licence application and any relevant documentation

1. The Panel considered the papers which included an executive summary, an application to vary the centre name and the new company registration details. The Panel agreed to accept a tabled email from the inspectorate as it had come from the centre and the information itself clarified the position of the centre, and what it intended to do.
2. The Panel noted that Louis Hughes centre 0011 has recently undergone a change of ownership, and the new owner's wish to change the name from Louis Hughes to The London Sperm Bank.
3. The Panel noted that the centre has recently renewed its storage licence which was approved by the Panel on the 27 January 2010.
4. The Panel noted that Louis Hughes is currently located at 99 Harley Street which is where the centre is currently licensed to store.
5. The Panel noted that centre 0011 Louis Hughes has now been bought by the London Women's Clinic based at 113-115 Harley Street, and this centre is now a subsidiary of the London Women's Clinic.
6. The Panel noted that although the company is registered at 113-115 Harley Street: 99 Harley Street is the licensed premises where sperm procurement, processing and storage take place.
7. The Panel noted that the inspectorate were in support of this application to vary the centre's licence to change its name.

The Panel's Decision

8. The Panel agreed to vary the licence to recognise the centre as The London Sperm Bank in accordance with section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed..........Date.....22/03/10.....
Peter Thompson (Chair)