

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

6 May 2010

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

Minutes – item 9

Lanarkshire Acute Hospital NHS Trust (0098) Application to vary Licence to change licensed treatments

Members of the Panel:

Mark Bennett, Director of Finance & Facilities (Chair)

Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information

Danielle Hamm, Policy Manager

Committee Administrator:

Joanne McAlpine

Declarations of Interest: members of the Panel declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The following papers were considered by the Panel:

- papers for Licence Committee (14 pages)
- no tabled papers for this item

The Panel also had before it:

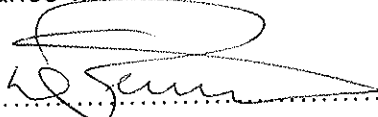
- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Licence Committee Meetings of the Authority's Executive Licensing Panel
- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- Direction 0008 (where relevant), and any other relevant Directions issued by the Authority
- 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 before it, which included an executive summary, application for the variation of licensed treatments, email from the PR, and previous Licence Committee minutes.
2. The Panel noted that the centre has applied to vary the treatments on their licence to remove donor insemination.
3. The Panel noted that the centre has stated that it would like to remove donor insemination from its licence due to the lack of available donors.
4. The Panel noted that the application states that the centre has not carried out donor insemination for two years.
5. The Panel noted that in the inspection report pertaining to item 4 of this meeting, the inspectorate made a recommendation in relation to staff training on legal parenthood. The Panel noted that if donor insemination is removed from the centre's licence that this recommendation would no longer be relevant.
6. The Panel agreed that it had sufficient information on which to make a decision.

The Panel's Decision

7. The Panel agreed to vary the centre's licence to remove donor insemination as a licence activity from the centre's licence in accordance with 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed.....



Date.....

17/5/10

Mark Bennett (Chair)