

HFEA Executive Licence Panel Meeting

24 June 2011

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

Minutes – Item 9

Centre 0049 (IVF Wales) – Variation of Licence Change of Person Responsible (Treatment & Storage)

Members of the Panel: Mark Bennett, Director of Finance & Facilities (Chair) Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information Juliet Tizzard, Head of Policy	Committee Secretary: Joanne McAlpine
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Declarations of Interest: members of the Panel declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The Panel also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Meetings of Executive Licensing Panel
- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- Decision trees for granting and renewing licences and considering requests to vary a licence (including the PGD decision tree)
- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21 January 2009.
- Guidance on periods for which new or renewed licences should be granted
- Standing Orders and Instrument of Delegation
- Indicative Sanctions Guidance
- HFEA Direction 0008 (where relevant), and any other relevant Directions issued by the Authority
- Guide to Licensing
- Compliance and Enforcement Policy
- Policy on Publication of Authority and Committee Papers

Consideration of Application

1. The Panel noted that an application from the Licence Holder (LH) at centre 0049, has been received by the HFEA to change the Person Responsible (PR) on 9 June 2011.
2. The Panel noted correspondence from the current PR, Mrs Janet Evans confirming her resignation.
3. The Panel noted correspondence from the proposed PR, Mrs Arianna D'Angelo, confirming that she is willing to assume the responsibility of the role of PR.
4. The Panel noted that there has been a significant number of senior staff changes recently at the centre. In particular, the lead embryologist left the centre in May 2011 and soon after the PR was re-deployed as a consultant in gynaecology outside of the IVF unit, triggering her resignation.
5. The Panel noted that since the current PR had resigned on 6 June 2011, the LH was required by the HFEA on 7 June 2011, to ensure that licensed activity was stopped with immediate effect, unless to do so had a direct impact on the safety of patients undergoing treatment. This allowed the centre to continue treating patients who, on 7 June, were undergoing ovarian stimulation or preparation for embryo transfer, but did not allow new patients to progress to being provided with such treatments.
6. The Panel noted that the centre has complied with this requirement and the last patients will undergo egg collections or frozen embryo transfers in the week commencing 20 June 2011, and fresh embryo transfers the week after.
7. The Panel noted the proposed PR's CV, her current role as a consultant in assisted reproduction at IVF Wales and over eight years experience working in accredited IVF units.
8. The Panel noted that the proposed PR has been based at IVF Wales for over six years, is registered with the GMC and on the specialist register for obstetrics and gynaecology since 24 October 2005.
9. The Panel was satisfied that the character and qualifications of the proposed PR meet the requirements of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended) in relation to section 16(2).
10. The Panel noted that the proposed PR has successfully completed the PR Entry Programme (PREP) to the satisfaction of the Inspectorate.
11. The Panel noted that the appropriate references have been provided in support of Mrs D'Angelo's appointment.

12. The Panel noted the Inspectorate's recommendation to vary the centre's licence to approve Mrs Arianna D'Angelo as the Person Responsible.

Decision

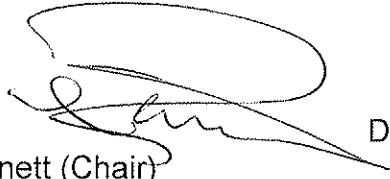
13. The Panel noted that it was in receipt of the supporting documentation as required by the HFE Act 1990 (as amended) in relation to section 16(2), which sets out the requirements of a PR.

14. The Panel trusted that the proposed PR will work with the Inspectorate to ensure circumstances at the centre continue to improve and that patient safety continues to be assured.

15. The Panel agreed to the Inspectorate's recommendation to appoint Mrs Arianna D'Angelo as the PR for IVF Wales (Centre 0049) with immediate effect, in accordance with section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed:

Mark Bennett (Chair)



Date:

29 June 2011

