

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

23rd October 2009

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

Minutes – item 3

Oxford Fertility Unit (0035), Application to vary to include PGD as a licensed activity

Members of the Panel:

Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information (Chair)	Committee Administrator: Joanne McAlpine
Mark Bennett, Director of Finance & Facilities	
Brandon Welsh, Head of Audit	

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 (42 pages)
- no papers were tabled for this item

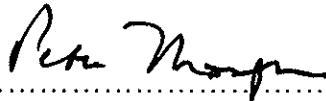
The Committee also had before it:

- 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 21st January 2009
- Indicative applications guidance on the time period for which licences should be granted approved by the Authority on 9th September 2009
- Indicative sanctions guidance approved by the Authority on 18th March 2009
- Licence application and any relevant documentation.

1. The Panel noted that this item is an application to vary the licence of the centre to include pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) as an activity on the licence.
2. The Panel considered the papers, which included a very detailed executive summary, an application to vary the licensed treatments, and clinical methods and techniques which will be used to carry out the procedures, information on the consent forms and patient information.
3. The Panel noted that this centre has been licensed to conduct PGS since 13 November 2008.
4. The Panel noted that the centre has a new laboratory and equipment with improved air quality and that the centre also has a genetic/fertility counsellor in place for patients being treated for PGD.
5. The Panel noted that the condition which the centre wanted to offer PGD for is not a new condition and has been licensed for several other centres carrying out the same techniques and practices.
6. The Panel noted that the centre is engaged with Reprogenetics UK Ltd to provide a PGD service for gene disorders and this is the same provider that the centre has used to carry out PGS. In addition, there was solid evidence to suggest that Reprogenetics UK Ltd had considerable experience in providing PGD services for this condition.
7. The Panel agreed that they had sufficient information on which to make a decision.

The Panel's Decision

9. The Panel decided to vary the centre's licence to include the activity pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD).

Signed.....  Date..... 3 November 2009

Peter Thompson (Chair)