

HFEA Executive Licence Panel Meeting

12 September 2011

21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

Minutes – Item 5

Centre 0199 - (CRM London) – Variation of Licence to add PGD as a licensable activity

Members of the Panel: Peter Thompson, Director of Strategy & Information (Chair) Nick Jones, Director of Compliance Mark Bennett, Director of Finance & Facilities	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. It was noted however, that the Director of Compliance attended the Inspection visit recently but the other Panel members did not feel that this was a potential conflict merely a declaration of interest.

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 considered the papers for this item, which included an executive summary, an application to vary the licence to include PGD (pre-implantation genetic diagnosis), and previous Licence Committee minutes.
2. The Panel noted that the centre is currently licensed for PGS (pre-implantation genetic screening), and therefore has suitable premises and equipment, and appropriately qualified trained staff to undertake embryo biopsy.
3. The Panel noted that PDG testing will be performed on the biopsied material by Reprogenetics UK Ltd, a diagnostic PGD testing laboratory in Oxford which already provides PGD and PGS services to several HFEA regulated centres.
4. The Panel noted that Reprogenetics UK Ltd recently advised the HFEA Executive that they are working towards CPA accreditation, and this will be established by the end of this year. The Inspectorate stated that it considered that progress has been made and that the laboratory considers it has implemented nearly all CPA requirements.
5. The Panel noted that the centre has submitted all the appropriate documentation in accordance with Direction 0008, paragraph 17.
6. The Panel noted that the Inspectorate recommends the variation of the centre's licence to include PGD as a licensable activity.

Decision

8. The Panel agreed to vary the centre's licence to include PGD as a licensable activity in accordance with Section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed:  Date: 22/09/11.

Peter Thompson (Chair)