

# HFEA Research Licence Committee Meeting

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21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

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HFEA REGULATION

Minutes – item 5

## Application to vary licence: R0152, based at Newcastle Fertility Centre at Life (0017)

### Members of the Committee:

Emily Jackson, Lay Member (Chair)

David Archard, Lay Member

Richard Harries, Lay Member

Hossam Abdalla, Director, Lister

Fertility Clinic

Committee Secretary:

Claudia Lally

Legal Adviser:

Graham Miles, Morgan Cole

Declarations of Interest: David Archard declared a conflict of interest with this item relating to the fact that he sat on an advisory committee to the egg-sharing project at Newcastle. He therefore left the meeting while this item was considered. Other members of the Committee declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

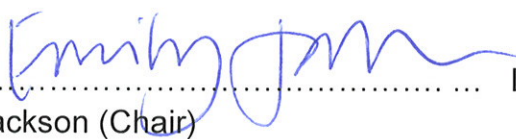
The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- papers for Licence Committee (19 tabled pages).

The Committee also had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Licence Committee Meetings and Hearings
- 7th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)
- HFEA (Licence Committees and Appeals) Regulations 1991 (SI 1991/1889)
- Decision Trees for Granting and Renewing Licences and Considering Requests to Vary a Licence; and
- Guidance for members of Authority and Committees on the handling of conflicts of interest approved by the Authority on 21st January 2009.

1. The Committee noted that this centre had applied for a licence variation to research licence R0152 to allow eggs to be stored prior to use in licensed research. The Committee noted that the centre was currently licensed to use fresh eggs but now wished to use frozen eggs as well.
2. The Committee noted that the total number of eggs to be used in the project had not been increased in light of this requested variation.
3. The Committee agreed to grant the application to vary licence R0152 to allow the storage of eggs.

Signed.......... Date..........  
Emily Jackson (Chair)