

HFEA Licence Committee Meeting

11 July 2013

Finsbury Tower, 103-105 Bunhill Row, London, EC1Y 8HF

Minutes – Item 6

Centre 0037 (Glasgow Royal Infirmary) – Executive Review Follow Up

Members of the Committee: Sally Cheshire (lay) Chair Bishop Lee Rayfield (lay) Debbie Barber (professional)	Committee Secretary: Lauren Crawford Legal Adviser: Stephen Hocking, DAC Beachcroft
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Declarations of Interest: members of the Committee declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

The Committee had before it:

- HFEA Protocol for the Conduct of Meetings of Executive Licensing Committee
- 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 Committee noted that at the Licence Committee meeting on 28 March 2013 the Licence Committee considered the Review Report for an incident at Centre 0037 in November 2012, concerning the suspension of treatment activity due to depressed success rates and elevated failed fertilisation rates.
2. The Committee noted that the incident had been attributed to the conduct of building works in the vicinity of the fertility clinic and that the report had concluded that the laboratory premises of the Glasgow Royal Infirmary were not suitable for the conduct of HFEA licensed activity.
3. The Committee noted that in order to formalise the voluntary actions undertaken by the centre, the Committee agreed to vary the licence to add the following condition: **'no licensed activities other than 'storage of gametes and embryos' and 'distribution of gametes' may take place at the Centre'**.
4. The Committee noted that the centre's licensed activities continue to be provided at an alternative location and an application to seek to remove this condition has not been submitted.
5. The Committee noted the progress made by the Centre and also the Executive who have worked well to gather information and provide continued support to the centre.

The Committee's Decision

6. The Committee were satisfied that the extra information provided in the report answered all of their previous questions from the minutes of the 28 March 2013.
7. The Committee endorsed the inspectorate's recommendation to the centre that 'the centre maintain vigilance in monitoring its quality indicators at its temporary premises and when it relocates back to its licensed premises and recommences activity in case a potential latent cause of low success rates reasserts itself'.

8. The Committee directed that the centre's renewal report should come back to the Licence Committee when it is ready for consideration.

Signed:

Date: 30/07/2013

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Sally Cheshire (Chair)