

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

16 August 2013

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

Minutes – Item 7

Centre 0057 – (Wessex Fertility Limited) – Variation of Licence Application to add Embryo Testing

Members of the Panel: Juliet Tizzard – Head of Policy and Communications (Chair) Jasper Squire – Computer Programmer Matthew Watts – Regulatory Policy Manager	Committee Secretary: Rebecca Loveys Observing: Sam Hartley – Head of Governance and Licensing
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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

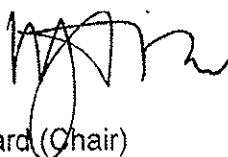
1. The Panel considered the papers, which included a completed application form, an inspection report and licensing minutes for the past three years.
2. The Panel noted that this centre has been licensed by the HFEA since 1992.
3. The Panel noted that this centre has applied to vary its licence to include embryo testing for the purposes of pre-implantation genetic screening (PGS) and, thereby, to change its licence from Treatment and Storage to Treatment (including embryo testing) and Storage.
4. The Panel noted that the centre has competent staff to carry out embryo biopsy.
5. The Panel noted that the centre has suitable equipment needed to carry out embryo testing as evidenced by the inspection of appropriate equipment for performing ICSI during an inspection in February 2012.
6. The Panel noted that the genetic testing will be carried out by Reprogenetics UK in Oxford, which already carries out genetic testing for a number of HFEA licensed centres.
7. The Panel noted that there are no areas of practice that require improvement at the centre.
8. The Panel noted that the application was submitted by the centre with all information required by General Directions 0008.
9. The Panel noted that the inspectorate recommends that this application be granted.

Decision

10. The Panel agreed to vary the centre's licence to add embryo testing and, thereby, to change the licence to Treatment (including embryo testing) and Storage, in accordance with Section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

Signed:

Date: 21 August 2013



Juliet Tizzard (Chair)