

# HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

31 October 2014

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

## Minutes – Item 3

### **Centre 0017 – (Newcastle Fertility Centre at Life) – Change of Person Responsible – Research Centre (Licence R/0152/5/a)**

Members of the Panel:

Paula Robinson – Head of Business Planning (Chair)

David Moysen – Head of IT

Matthew Watts – Regulatory Policy Manager

Committee Secretary:

Dee Knoyle

Declarations of Interest: members of the Panel declared that they had no conflicts of interest in relation to this item.

#### **The Panel 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 executive summary, previous licensing minutes, and a CV and confirmation of acceptance from the proposed Person Responsible (PR).
2. The Panel noted that the proposed PR, Dr Meenakshi Choudhary, was willing to assume the responsibility of the role of PR.
3. The Panel noted that the proposed PR had satisfactorily completed the PR Entry Programme (PREP), and her certificate number was provided.
4. The Panel noted from Dr Choudhary's CV that she had suitable qualifications for the role of PR at a research centre. The Panel noted the current research project R0152 carried out at the centre is "Pluripotency reprogramming and mitochondrial biology during early human development".
5. The Panel noted from the information provided that the character, qualifications and experience of the proposed PR were such that she is able to carry out a PR's duties under section 17 of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).
6. The Panel noted that all information required under General Directions 0008 had been provided.
7. The Panel noted the Inspectorate's recommendation to vary the centre's licence to appoint Dr Choudhary as the Person Responsible and that the proposed PR is asked to ensure full implementation of any outstanding recommendations documented in the 2014 research renewal licence report. However, on this occasion, the Panel noted that there had been no recommendations made, and so none were outstanding.

## Decision

8. The Panel agreed it was in receipt of the appropriate documentation as required by the HFE Act 1990 (as amended) in relation to Section 16(2), which sets out the requirements with regard to the role of PR.
9. The Panel endorsed the Inspectorate's recommendation and agreed to vary the licence of Newcastle Fertility Centre at Life (0017) with immediate effect in order to appoint Dr Meenakshi Choudhary as Person Responsible, in accordance with Section 18A of the HFE Act 1990 (as amended).

*Paula Robinson*

Signed:  
Paula Robinson (Chair)

Date: 6 November 2014