

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

13 December 2013

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

Minutes – Item 4

Centre 0100 – (Bourn Hall Clinic) – Interim Inspection Report

Members of the Panel: Mark Bennett – Director of Finance and Facilities (Chair) Rachel Hopkins – Head of Human Resources Hannah Verdin – Interim Head of Policy and Communications	Panel Secretary: Lauren Crawford
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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 noted that this is a large centre, licensed by the HFEA since 1991, and providing a full range of fertility services.

2. The Panel noted that the centre is currently on a four year licence, due to expire on 31 March 2016.
3. The Panel noted that the inspection took place on 2 October 2013.
4. The Panel noted that the centre provided 2040 cycles of treatment (excluding partner intrauterine insemination) in the 12 months to 31 August 2013.
5. The Panel noted that for the year ending August 2013, HFEA-held register data show the centre's success rates in terms of clinical pregnancy rates are in line with national averages with the exception of the clinical pregnancy rates following IVF for patients under the age of 38, which is above average at a statistically significant rate.
6. The Panel noted that for the year 2012, the centre reported 27 cycles of partner insemination with no pregnancies.
7. The Panel noted that between 1 April 2010 and 31 March 2011, the centre's multiple live birth rate for all IVF, ICSI and FET cycles for all age groups was 27%. This represented performance lower than the 20% maximum multiple live birth rate target for this period.
8. The Panel noted that between 1 April 2011 and 30 September 2012, the centre's multiple clinical pregnancy rate for all IVF, ICSI and FET cycles for all age groups was 18%. This represented performance that was not likely to be statistically different from the 15% maximum multiple live birth rate target for this period.
9. The Panel noted that at the time of inspection, one major and four other areas of non-compliance were identified. The Panel noted in particular the major non-compliance relating to the use of equipment and CE marked equipment.
10. The Panel noted that the Inspectorate recommends the continuation of the centre's licence.

Decision

11. The Panel had regard to its decision tree and was satisfied that the centre was fit to have its treatment and storage licence continued.
12. The Panel approved the Inspectorate's recommendation to continue the centre's licence with no additional conditions.
13. The Panel commended the centre for the high clinical pregnancy rates as mentioned in paragraph 5.

Signed:

Date: 23/12/2013



Mark Bennett (Chair)