

# Licence Committee - minutes

## Centre 0316 (Centre for Reproduction & Gynaecology Wales (CRGW) – executive update: consent to legal parenthood audit

Thursday, 5 May 2016

HFEA, Level 2, 10 Spring Gardens, London, SW1A 2BU

Committee members	Dr Andy Greenfield (Chair) Margaret Gilmore Kate Brian Anita Bharucha	
Members of the Executive	Ian Brown Trent Fisher	Head of Corporate Governance Secretary
Legal Adviser	Dawn Brathwaite	Mills & Reeve LLP
Observers	None	

### 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:

- 8th edition of the HFEA Code of Practice
- standard licensing and approvals pack for committee members

### The following papers were considered by the committee:

- executive summary
- licensing minutes from the last three years
  - 17 March 2016 – Licence renewal
  - 13 June 2014 – interim inspection

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## 1. Consideration of application

- 1.1. The committee noted the executive update dated the 5 May 2016 regarding the legal parenthood audit undertaken by the centre.
- 1.2. The committee noted that since it considered the renewal application in May 2016, the centre provided a copy of a further legal parenthood audit to the Executive.
- 1.3. The committee read with considerable concern the identification by the centre of inconsistencies suggesting defects regarding consent to legal parenthood affecting several couples.
- 1.4. The committee noted that the executive held a management review meeting with the PR of the centre on 21 April 2016 where it was agreed that the inspector would write to the PR setting out the executive's expectations as regards next steps and the requirement for regular updates from the PR.
- 1.5. The committee remains deeply concerned by this centre's non-compliance in this area and supports the Executive in their efforts to ensure that this centre complies with the requirements relating to consent for legal parenthood.
- 1.6. The committee noted that the independent review of the centre's multiple pregnancy and eSET practices is due to be made available to the committee on 15 July 2016 and the proposal from the Executive that the centre's progress with the issues identified in their audit of consent to legal parenthood be presented at the same time.

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## 2. Decision

- 2.1. The committee requested that the executive provides a copy of the legal parenthood audit, which was submitted on 19 April 2016, to all members of the Licence Committee at the executive's earliest convenience.
- 2.2. The committee requested a copy of the correspondence to be sent to the PR concerning the executive's expectations regarding the next steps and the requirement for regular updates from the PR at the Executive's earliest convenience.
- 2.3. The committee looks forward to receiving for consideration on the 15 July 2016
  - the independent review regarding multiple pregnancy and eSET practices
  - all updates provided by the centre

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## 3. Chair's signature

- 3.1. I confirm this is a true and accurate record of the meeting.

### Signature



### Name

Andy Greenfield

### Date

17 May 2016