

HFEA Executive Licensing Panel Meeting

13 June 2014

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

Minutes – Item 3

Centre 0098 – (Lanarkshire Acute Hospital NHS Trust) – Interim Inspection Report

Members of the Panel: Juliet Tizzard – Interim Director of Strategy (Chair) Paula Robinson – Head of Business Planning Nick Jones – Director of Compliance & Information	Committee Secretary: Lauren Crawford Also in attendance: Sam Hartley – Head of Governance & 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 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 Lanarkshire Acute Hospital NHS Trust is located in Airdrie and has held a licence with the HFEA since May 1992. The Centre provides IUI (Intrauterine Insemination) with partner sperm and storage services.
2. The Panel noted that the centre is currently on a four-year licence, due to expire on 30 June 2016.
3. The Panel noted that the inspection took place on 26 March 2014.
4. The Panel noted that the centre provided 199 cycles of partner insemination treatment in 2013. In relation to activity levels this is a small centre.
5. The Panel noted that for the year 2013 the centre reported 199 cycles of partner insemination with 11 pregnancies. This equates to a 6% clinical pregnancy rate. Statistical analysis of the national insemination outcomes data set had not yet been completed by the HFEA at the time of writing the report, so no conclusion could be drawn regarding the centre's performance relative to the national average.
6. The Panel noted that at the time of inspection four major areas of non-compliance and three other area of non-compliance were identified. Since the inspection two of the 'major' and two of the 'other' recommendations have been fully implemented.
7. The Panel noted the commitment of the Person Responsible to fully implement the remaining recommendations within the prescribed timescales.
8. The Panel noted that the Inspectorate recommends the continuation of the centre's licence.

Decision

9. The Panel had regard to its decision tree and was satisfied that the centre was fit to have its Treatment (insemination using partner/donor sperm) and Storage licence continued.
10. The Panel approved the Inspectorate's recommendation to continue the centre's licence with no additional conditions.



Signed:
Juliet Tizzard (Chair)

Date: 2014