

Executive Licensing Panel - minutes

Centre 0026 (BMI The Priory Hospital) Renewal Inspection Report

Friday, 10 February 2017

HFEA, 10 Spring Gardens, London SW1A 2BN

Panel members	Juliet Tizzard (Chair) Howard Ryan Jessica Watkin	Director of Strategy & Corporate Affairs Report Developer Policy Manager
Members of the Executive	Bernice Ash	Secretary
External adviser		
Observers		

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:

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

1. Consideration of application

- 1.1. The panel considered the papers, which included a completed application form, inspection report and licensing minutes for the last three years.
- 1.2. The panel noted that BMI The Priory Hospital is based in Birmingham. The centre holds a Treatment and Storage licence and is privately owned, offering licensed treatments to both self-funding and NHS funded patients.
- 1.3. The panel noted that the centre has been licensed by the HFEA since 1992.
- 1.4. The panel noted that in the 12 months to 30 September 2016, the clinic provided 510 cycles of treatment (excluding partner intrauterine insemination). In relation to activity this is a medium-sized centre.
- 1.5. An inspection was carried out at the centre on 8 and 9 November 2016. The panel noted that at the time of the inspection there were a number of areas of practice that required improvement, including one critical, six major and five 'other' areas of non-compliance.
- 1.6. The panel particularly noted the critical area of non-compliance, concerning legal parenthood, observing that the findings of the repeat audit and root cause analysis had been due for receipt by 9 February 2017.
- 1.7. The panel noted that the inspectorate recommends the renewal of the centre's Treatment and Storage licence for a period of four years without additional conditions, subject to the recommendations made in this report being implemented within the prescribed timescales. The inspector will continue to monitor the centre's performance.

2. Decision

- 2.1. The panel noted the non-compliances, particularly the critical non-compliance regarding legal parenthood. The panel noted the PR's engagement and that steps had been taken to fully implement the recommendations of the inspectorate.
- 2.2. However, the panel was concerned that there are outstanding actions in relation to the critical non-compliance and did not feel sufficiently informed about the centre's progress in addressing it to consider renewal of the licence at this time. The panel decided to defer the decision on the renewal of the centre's Treatment and Storage licence, pending an update from the inspectorate concerning the receipt of the repeat audit and root cause analysis, due by 9 February 2017.

3. Chair's signature

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

3.2.

Signature



Name

Juliet Tizzard

Date

21 February 2017