

# Statutory Approvals Committee – minutes

## Centre 0035 (Oxford Fertility)

## Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis (PGD) application for

## Muckle-Wells Syndrome (MWS), OMIM #191900

Thursday, 29 June 2017

Church House Westminster, Dean's Yard, Westminster SW1P 3NZ

Committee members	Margaret Gilmore (Chair) Anne Lampe Ruth Wilde Bobbie Farsides	
Members of the Executive	Bernice Ash Paula Robinson	Secretary Head of Planning & Governance
External adviser	Dr Alan Fryer	
Legal Adviser	Ros Foster	Browne Jacobson LLP
Observers		

## Declarations of interest

- Members of the panel 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
- PGD Application form
- Redacted peer review
- Genetic Alliance Opinion

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## 1. Consideration of application

- 1.1. The committee welcomed the advice of its specialist adviser, Dr Alan Fryer, who confirmed that the condition was as described in the papers, though the peer review had not described the current treatments available for the condition. Dr Fryer had obtained further advice from an external source about the availability of treatment for this condition, asking specifically about the effectiveness and side-effects of such treatment.
- 1.2. The committee noted that although the application acknowledged that the condition can be treated, neither the application from the submitting centre nor the peer reviewer had addressed the effectiveness of treatment that may be available in the United Kingdom and that Dr Fryer had been made aware of.
- 1.3. The legal adviser reminded the committee that it was required, when making its decision, to have regard to all material considerations and to act fairly. Dr Fryer had provided information about treatment for the condition that had not been addressed by the peer reviewer or the receiving centre but was relevant to the determination of the application.
- 1.4. It was agreed that the issue should be raised with the peer reviewer and the submitting centre and that they should be given an opportunity to provide further information and/or comment before the application was determined. The application was therefore deferred.

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## 2. Decision

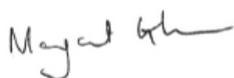
- 2.1. The committee decided to adjourn its decision to enable comments to be sought from the original peer reviewer or for a new peer reviewer, with further knowledge of this particular condition, to provide information. Any new information would also be shared with the applying centre.

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## 3. Chair's signature

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

### Signature



### Name

Margaret Gilmore

### Date

13 July 2017