F-2014-00183 - Outcome data by age of patients and adverse events at seven specified centres

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for data for seven specified licensed centres according to age of patient (for IVF/ICSI treatments and FETs), as well as the number of adverse events reported.

HFEA response

The data was requested for CARE Northampton (centre number 0016), Oxford Fertility Unit (0035), Wessex Fertility Limited (0057), The Chiltern Hospital Fertility Services Unit (0064), Nuffield Health Woking Hospital (0144), Salisbury Fertility Centre (0197) and Complete Fertility Centre Southampton (0307), and can be found in the table below for 2011, 2012 and 2013.

- Table showing requested data for seven specified licensed centres (xls 87KB)

A number of terms in the spreadsheet require some definitions:

- Extremely pre-term = gestational weeks <28
- Very pre-term = gestational weeks between 28 and 32
- Mid to late pre-term = gestational weeks between 33 and 37
- Low birth weight = weight <2500g

In situations when the number of cycles is fewer than 50 the rate has been replaced with ‘(.*.’ as the HFEA does not consider giving a rate to be useful in such cases. Numbers smaller than 5 have been replaced with a ‘<5’ figure as there is a significant possibility that this information, when combined with other information to which someone may reasonably be expected to have access, could lead to the identification of a person to whom the HFEA owes a duty of confidentiality. To disclose this information may therefore result in a breach of the confidentiality provisions of section 33A of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended), and the information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.