Summary of request

You have requested more figures for the use of frozen eggs in treatment. Please find that data in the attached document. It shows the number of cycles, patients, birth events and number of babies born from cycles using frozen eggs.

HFEA response

The HFEA does not release rates when the number of cycles is so small as they do not provide as useful a picture as the figures themselves. As you will note I have replaced any number between 1 and 4 with a ‘<5’ because there is a significant possibility that this information, when combined with other information to which you 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 in these circumstances 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.