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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 which was received into this office on the 16th February 2017.

You asked for information regarding IVF Services:

1. Please tell me what your policy is on funding IVF treatment?

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) currently commissions three cycles of IVF for women aged 23-39. Women aged 40-42 are offered one cycle of IVF. The additional criteria also apply:

- Funding available where a couple have no living children from a current or previous relationship
- Women's BMI 19-29.9
- Patients confirmed as non-smoker
- Patients provide assurance that their alcohol consumption is not above DH guidelines and they are not using recreational drugs
- Subfertility of at least 2 years (for unexplained infertility)

2. Has this policy changed in the last 12 months? If yes, please give me details of the previous policy.

NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group's policy has not changed in the last 12 months.

3. Are plans being considered to change the policy? If yes, please give me details of the proposed changes.

From 2017/18, NHS Wirral CCG will be amending this policy to offer two cycles of IVF for women aged 23-39 and one cycle for women aged 40-42. The additional criteria will also apply:

- Funding available where a couple have no living children from a current or previous relationship
- Both partners BMI 19-29.9
- Both partners confirmed as non-smoker
- Both partners provide assurance that their alcohol consumption is not above DH guidelines and they are not using recreational drugs

- Subfertility of at least 3 years (for unexplained infertility)

Full policy details are available on

<https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/Downloads/AboutUs/Policies/Infertility%20Policy%20%202015.pdf>

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