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Re: Freedom of Information Request - In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) activity

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 12th May 2021.

You Asked for:

This is a question about how you apply your IVF funding to couples where one of the partners already has a child.

1. Can you please tell me how many times you have granted NHS funded IVF treatment to couples in those circumstances in the financial years:
 - a. 2010
 - b. 2011
 - c. 2012
 - d. 2013
 - e. 2014
 - f. 2015
 - g. 2016
 - h. 2017
 - i. 2018
 - j. 2019.

If you only have records for some of those years please provide that figure.

2. For those years, can you tell me how many applications for NHS funded IVF treatment were made where one partner already had a child.

Our Response:

Unfortunately, NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) is unable to answer this request as whilst we might be able to identify In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) activity, we have no way of knowing if either of the participants have other children. Please can I suggest that you contact the Hewitt Fertility Centre based at Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust (LWH) and the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (COCH) directly for this information, as they provide the service and manage all referrals for compliance with funding criteria. I have included their contact details below for information, should you wish to do so:

LWH - FOI@lwh.nhs.uk

COCH - foi.enquiries@nhs.net

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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