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Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 29 August 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to IVF. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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Paddy Baker
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Q1:

Does the CCG fund IVF treatment?

Response:

Yes - please see the link to the Dorset CCG Fertility – Assisted Conception Criteria based protocol <https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Fertility-Policy.pdf>

Q2:

If no, when did the CCG stop offering funding for IVF treatment?

Response:

Not Applicable.

Q3:

What are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women under the age of 40 must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

Response:

Couples must fulfil all the eligibility criteria for referral set out within the policy – please see link to the policy: <https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Fertility-Policy.pdf>

Q4:

How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman under the age of 40 meets all of these criteria?

Response:

If couples meet the policy criteria they can be offered one full cycle of IVF, with or without ICSI. A full cycle is defined in this criteria based protocol as 1 fresh and 1 frozen implantation of embryos. A frozen cycle will only be available if there are embryos generated from the fresh cycle suitable for freezing – as per Dorset CCG policy.

Q5:

What are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women aged 40 to 42 must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

Response:

Women need to be referred before their 42nd birthday to ensure adequate time for treatment before reaching the cut-off age of 42 years for completion of treatment cycle.

Couples must meet all other elements of the policy criteria for referral– see link to policy: <https://www.dorsetccg.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/04/Fertility-Policy.pdf>

Q6:

How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman aged 40 to 42 meets all of these criteria?

Response:

Please see response to Q4.

Q7:

Does the CCG fund IVF treatment for women over the age of 42? If so, what are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

Response:

Women need to be referred before their 42nd birthday to ensure adequate time for treatment before reaching the cut-off age of 42 years for completion of treatment cycle. After this after this cut-off age the CCG do not commission further IVF cycles.

Q8:

How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman over the age of 42 meets all of these criteria?

Response:

Please see response to Q7.