

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/151

Subject: Fertility Treatment for Transgender Patients

*I can confirm that the ICB **does hold the information requested**; please see responses below:*

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>1. Which of these fertility treatments do you provide for your transgender patients?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Egg harvesting b. Cryopreservation of eggs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How long do you offer cryopreservation of eggs for? c. Extraction of sperm, both surgical and self-ejaculatory d. Cryopreservation of sperm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. How long do you offer cryopreservation of sperm for? e. IVF Embryo Treatment 	<p>Please see our website for the current Fertility Assessment and Treatment policy, which currently funded interventions and timescales, here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Fertility-Assessment-and-Treatment.pdf</p> <p>It is worth noting that the revised Fertility Assessment and Treatment policy was agreed at the Integrated Care Board (ICB) Board meeting that took place on 1 December 2022. It is intended that the new policy be implemented from 1 April 2023.</p> <p>Please see the following link for further information:</p> <p>https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/10/06.1-Clinical-Commissioning-Policies-ICB-Board-Dec-22.pdf</p>

<p>f. Embryo cryopreservation</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. How long do you offer embryo cryopreservation for?</p> <p>g. Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i. How long do you offer cryopreservation of ovarian tissue for?</p>	
<p>2. What, if any, are the youngest ages of patients that are entitled to receive these treatments?</p> <p>a. Egg harvesting</p> <p>b. Egg cryopreservation</p> <p>c. Sperm harvesting</p> <p>d. Sperm cryopreservation</p> <p>e. IVF Embryo Treatment</p> <p>f. Embryo cryopreservation</p> <p>g. Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation</p>	<p>The ICB policy does not state a minimum age for any of these treatments.</p>
<p>3. If you have answered no to any of the above questions, what is the “strong justification” that your CCG has for not funding this fertility treatment?</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 January 2023 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.