

Reference: FOI.ICB-2223/032

Subject: Fertility Treatment / IVF funding

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>It is my understanding that although there are NICE guidelines for Fertility Treatment, local CCGs have their own individual local priorities and decide the level of funding. I have also been informed that each individual CCG also determines the number of cycles they will fund, and what additional criteria a patient has to meet in order to qualify for treatment. Please could I request this information, and also receive the most up to date policy.</p> <p>I have also noticed that CCGs across the UK including this one (Bristol) have been dissolved, and are now part of a new body, partnered with other areas into an Integrated Care Board (ICB), does this mean the information I am requesting will change with this new partnership or has this information already been updated?</p> <p>I am moving back to the UK after working abroad and will need to reregister with a GP, I am aware that some CCGs request that you need to be registered with a GP for a certain duration for assisted conception NHS funding, please could you confirm how long this needs to be if this is a requirement?</p>	<p>Please see our website for the current Fertility Assessment and Treatment policy here: https://bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Fertility-Assessment-and-Treatment.pdf. This contains information regarding criteria and also what treatment is funded.</p> <p>On 1st July Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Clinical Commissioning Group (BNSSG CCG) became BNSSG Integrated Care Board (ICB). The content of this policy will not be affected by the transfer from CCG to ICB.</p> <p>On your return, providing you are classed as 'ordinarily resident' (see detail here: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/help-for-nhs-to-recover-costs-of-care-from-visitors-and-migrants/settled-purpose-tool), then there will be no requirement to wait following registration with a GP in the BNSSG ICB area, providing you meet the criteria in the fertility commissioning policy.</p>



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The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 August 2022 and has been approved for release by Helena Fuller, Deputy Director of Commissioning (Contracting and Procurement) for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.