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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding eligibility criteria are for breast cancer patients who want to undergo fertility preservation within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

1. Is there an upper age limit (female/male)?

Up to 42th Birthday.

2. Is there a limit on whether the patient already has children?

Funding will be made available where a couple have no living children from a current or any previous relationship.

3. Are there any restrictions, specifically smoking status or body mass index?

Female BMI should range between 19-30 (NICE GuidanceCG156) before commencing assisted reproduction. Couples should confirm they are non-smokers.

4. What fertility options are offered? For example, embryo cryopreservation and/or oocyte cryopreservation?

Options will be discussed with the provider on a case by case basis.

5. Is there a time limit for storage?

Storage is in line with HFEA guidance and is normally for a ten year period

6. How many IVF cycles or embryo transfers are covered?

In line with HFEA.

7. In addition, what information on breast cancer patients undergoing fertility preservation do you currently collate, for example, numbers referred each year, numbers undergoing treatment and successful pregnancies each year, and is this data available for us to access?

NHS Southport and Formby CCG does not hold this information; you may wish to refer your query to the provider Southport & Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust

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Please see below NHS Southport and Formby CCG Fertility Policy. This is currently under review, the above are suggested changes to be made.

<https://www.southportandformbyccg.nhs.uk/media/1214/final-infertility-policy-27082015-sfccg.pdf>