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Our Ref: FOI 7735

Date: 10th September 2018

Dear Sir/ Madam

Re: Freedom of Information Request

Further to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding IVF Cycles, please see below our response to your request.

Request/ Response:

Please can I request the following information:

- 1) How many cycles of IVF treatment do you offer eligible women? Please refer to the 'NHS Funded Treatment for Subfertility Policy' found on our website at <https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/your-health/drugs-and-treatment-policies/>.
- 2) Do you offer women aged between 40 and 42 one full cycles of IVF? Please respond yes or no. Please refer to the 'NHS Funded Treatment for Subfertility Policy' found on our website at <https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/your-health/drugs-and-treatment-policies/>.
- 3) (a) What is the maximum age a woman can be to be eligible for IVF treatment?
(b) What is the minimum age a woman can be to be eligible for IVF treatment?
Please refer to the 'NHS Funded Treatment for Subfertility Policy' found on our website at <https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/your-health/drugs-and-treatment-policies/>.
- 4) What was the minimum and maximum age a woman was eligible for IVF treatment in 2013? The CCG do not have access to this information, if it was contained in a policy then this was devised by a predecessor organisation.
- 5) (a) Do you have any age restrictions for men for a couple to be eligible for IVF treatment with you? Please respond yes or no. No
(b) if so, what is the oldest a man can be in order for a couple to be eligible for treatment? N/A

Please refer to the 'NHS Funded Treatment for Subfertility Policy' found on our website at <https://www.sthelensccg.nhs.uk/your-health/drugs-and-treatment-policies/>.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response or do not feel that your request has been answered as you would expect, please contact us to discuss.

We also wish to take this opportunity to inform you that a formal complaints and internal review process is available, which will be managed by a FOI Appeals Officer.

This can be formally requested and must be done within a reasonable period of time (3 calendar months) from the date this response was issued.

Where you are not satisfied with the response to a request for information that falls within the Environmental Information Regulations, you should make a representation for a review to FOI Appeals Officer, sthelensccg.foi@nhs.net within 40 days of receipt of the response.

If you are not satisfied with our review under the Freedom of Information Act or the Environmental Information Regulations, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioners Office (ICO) for a review of your appeal decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted our complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at;

ICO, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF
www.ico.gov.uk

Should you need any further clarification or assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Angela Delea".

Angela Delea
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