

## Appendix A - Equality Impact Assessment

<b>Service Information</b>	<b>Service Name</b>	In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)	
	<b>Provider</b>	Local GPs refer all suspected sub-fertility patients to a local acute trust e.g. Whittington, UCLH, Royal Free, North Middlesex Hospital etc. for initial investigation of the cause of sub-fertility. These trusts will provide treatment for sub-fertility and if unsuccessful will then refer to the tertiary service The Homerton Hospital for IVF/Intra-cytoplasmic sperm injection.	
	<b>Target Client Group(s)</b>	People within the reproductive age group (23 to 39 years of age <sup>i</sup> ) who have problems with conceiving and having a child of their own.	
	<b>Basic Service Description</b>	<p>NHS Haringey currently has a 'service restriction policy'. Currently Haringey PCT offers one full cycle of In Vitro Fertilisation to all patients who meet the access criteria.</p> <p>The definition of a single full treatment cycle is transfer of a fresh embryo and subsequent transfers of all the frozen embryos derived from that cycle. NHS Haringey is restricting IVF funding to only one subsequent transfer of up to two frozen embryos in a full cycle. One full cycle includes one transfer** of up to two fresh embryos and one subsequent transfer of up to two frozen embryos. All other frozen embryos could be kept for a maximum of five years on the PCT funding but additional transfers (implantation) should be funded at patient's own cost. Equally so, the ownership of the frozen embryos should be agreed between the provider and clients, on their discretion.</p> <p>**An embryo transfer is from egg retrieval to transfer to the uterus and is recommended that no more than two embryos should be transferred at the same time.</p> <p>A fresh cycle would be considered completed if it leads to egg retrieval even if fertilization of eggs is not achieved.</p>	
<b>Responsible Leads</b>	<b>Provider</b>	Jennifer Clacy, The Homerton Hospital, Jennifer.clacy@homerton.nhs.uk	

<sup>i</sup> NHS Haringey policy

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	<b>Proposed Change</b>	Short-term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop new referrals this year 2010/11</li> </ul> Long-term <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stop all referrals from 2011/12</li> </ul>

<b>Equality Groups</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Disability</b>	<b>Ethnicity</b>	<b>Gender</b>	<b>Religion/Belief</b>	<b>Sexual Orientation</b>
<b>Impact(s) of Change</b>	This is a decision based on affordability and equity.  The impact will be the same across equality groups.	√	√	√	√	N/A
<b>Mitigation Measures</b>						
<b>Public Engagement</b>	The plan is for full 90 day consultation with clinicians and the public.					
<b>Training</b>	Not at this time					
<b>Monitoring</b>						

To be returned within five working days to Michele Daniels – [Michele.daniels@haringey.nhs.uk](mailto:Michele.daniels@haringey.nhs.uk)

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<b>Summary of Decision</b>	NCL sector is currently working on a sector wide policy.
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<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Signature</b>	<b>Date</b>
Susan Oti	Associate Director of Public Health		15 <sup>th</sup> December 2010