

## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1) I'm in a same-sex relationship, how do we access IVF?

All clinically appropriate individuals/couples are entitled to medical advice and investigation. Same sex and heterosexual couples will have equal access to services.

Up to six cycles of IUI will be funded as a treatment option for people in same-sex relationships who meet the definition of infertility (the failure to conceive after a minimum of six rounds of self-funded donor insemination via IUI, in the absence of any known reproductive pathology), followed by further assisted conception if required.

IUI treatment provides couples with the opportunity to conceive by the lower risk route before more invasive IVF treatment is undertaken.

Artificial insemination should be undertaken in a licensed clinical setting following an initial clinical assessment and appropriate investigations. For information about donor or partner insemination as well as advice about licensed clinical settings please visit <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/i-am/same-sex-couples/>

### 2) What do we do if we think we have special circumstances and should be considered as an exception to the policy?

If the clinician responsible for your care believes there is an exceptional clinical reason for you to be considered for IVF treatment, they may apply to the CCG's Individual Funding Request panel for approval. They will be required to supply clinical information to support any request to demonstrate exceptionality.

#### Useful links

NHS Vale of York CCG IVF Webpage <http://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/ivf>

NICE Clinical Guidelines 156 <https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg156>

Fertility Network Website <http://fertilitynetworkuk.org/>

Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/>

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