



**Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group**

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Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 15 September 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

Re: COVID-19 and patient eligibility for assisted conception services

- Any information regarding NHS Vale of York CCG's approach to patient eligibility for assisted conception services, in cases where:
 - Under normal circumstances, there exists an upper age limit for access to assisted conception services
- AND
- Delays related to the COVID-19 pandemic have resulted in (or may result in) patients exceeding that limit.

Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds part of the information you have requested as per the attached and information below.

In relation to Part 1 of your request the following links will provide further information. Please note that the commissioning statement below is in the process of amendment in line with the policy and as such this will be published in due course.

<https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/your-health-and-local-services/maternity-womens-childrens-services/in-vitro-fertilisation-ivf/>
<https://www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk/seecmsfile/?id=2018&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1&inline=1>

The Vale of York CCG is unable to respond in relation to part 2 of your request. We do not hold any data in relation to the impact COVID-19 has had in relation to assisted conception services and would refer you to the providers of those services.

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If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
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Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline telephone: 01625 545 745

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team

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