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Dear Requestor

RE: Freedom of Information Request

With reference to your request for information I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information that you have requested. A response to your request is below.

In the request you asked:

I have been unable to find all of the information I have been looking for in relation to the NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB fertility/assisted reproduction policy from your website or from previous FOI requests. Can you please provide the following information:

1. What policy is currently in use and can I get an electronic copy?
2. If the policy is currently under review, what policy is currently used if someone would like to access fertility treatment on the NHS?
3. When was this policy enacted?

The Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB Board have adopted the following policies on the 1 July 2022 pending formal review of the policy position and alignment of policies across the ICB area, all policies are available on the ICB website via the links below.

Nottingham and Nottinghamshire registered patients

- Assisted Conception Policy (Feb 2011): [Eligability Criteria \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/assisted-conception-policy)
- Commissioning Policy for In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF)/ Intracytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI) within tertiary Infertility Service (April 2014): [IVF/ICSI \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/ivf-icsi)
- Commissioning Policy for Surrogacy Involving Assisted Conception (2017): [Surrogacy \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/surrogacy)

Bassetlaw registered patients

- Access to Infertility Treatment (2020): [BAS-CCG-Access-to-infertility-treatment-Policy-ICB.pdf](https://www.bassetlaw.nhs.uk/bas-ccg-access-to-infertility-treatment-policy-icb.pdf)

4. Does the same policy cover the entire catchment area of the ICB?

No, Nottingham and Nottingham CCG and Bassetlaw CCG were separate organisations with their own suite of fertility and commissioning policies, on the 30th June 2022 the CCGs were abolished and Integrated Care Boards were established. Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB was established on the 1st July and further information can be found here: [Our Integrated Care Board - NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB](#)

5. When is this policy up for review?

The five ICBs in the East Midlands (Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Derby and Derbyshire ICB, Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland ICB, Lincolnshire ICB and Northamptonshire ICB) are currently working collaboratively to develop a single fertility policy to cover the East Midlands, it is anticipated that any required public engagement will likely be later in the summer

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FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution, Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. Telephone 0303 123 1113 or report a concern via <https://ico.org.uk/concerns/>

Yours sincerely

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