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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 am currently looking for the most up to date version of your fertility policy. I was told earlier this year that this was the most recent policy: <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2020/04/IVF-ICSI-Policy-and-eligibility-criteria-April-2014.pdf>

However, this is the document listed on your website: <https://notts.icb.nhs.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2022/04/NN-Assisted-Conception-Prior-to-IVF-Policy.pdf>

Which policy would you recommend I refer to, or has there been an update since?

Both policies above are still relevant. The first mentioned is our IVF and ICSI policy. The second policy relates to access to other fertility treatments usually considered for patients prior to moving on to IVF or ICSI (please note, following a change in the NICE guideline the upper age for females to receive fertility treatment is now 42). Their relevance depends on where a person / couple are on the fertility pathway. The ICB is in the process of working with other ICB's in the East Midlands to develop an updated East Midlands fertility policy which will remove the need for two separate but related policies.

If you are unhappy with the way in which your request has been handled, NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire Integrated Care Board (ICB) have an internal review procedure through which you can raise any concerns you might have. Further details of this procedure can be obtained by contacting Lucy Branson, Associate Director of Governance via lucy.branson@nhs.net or by writing to FOI Team at NHS Nottingham and Nottinghamshire ICB, Sir John Robinson House, Sir John Robinson Way, Arnold, Daybrook, Nottingham, NG5 6DA.

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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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