

**Information regarding North East Lincolnshire patient's currently in receipt of In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) services**

Dear Provider

Following a review by the CCG of its IVF support to 3 cycles the local GP commissioners were consulted on the issue.

At the Council of members meeting on Thursday 6th August 2015, it was agreed that with effect from the 7th August 2015, North East Lincolnshire CCG would move to only funding one cycle of IVF.

Transition arrangements have been put into place for those who are currently on an IVF pathway, as per the table below. For patients in transition, we have prepared the attached letter which we would be grateful if you could forward to the patients affected under your care.

IVF Pathway	Date of referral	Number of IVF Cycles
Current patient	Up to and including 6th August 2015	1 Additional Cycle to the patients current Cycle, i.e. patients having had cycle 1 will be entitled to 2 cycles, patients having had cycle 2 will be entitled to 3 cycles
New patient	From 7th August 2015	1 Cycle only

We appreciate that this maybe an upsetting decision for the patient and it would therefore be useful to understand the number affected. If you could provide the CCG with the total number of patients currently receiving NHS funded IVF treatment, under your care, using [nelccg.askus@nhs.net](mailto:nelccg.askus@nhs.net).

If you would like to discuss the decision in any more detail please contact Michelle Barnard, Assistant Director for Service Planning and Redesign, at [michelle.barnard@nhs.net](mailto:michelle.barnard@nhs.net). Please note that there is a separate contact for patients which is as follows:



Customer Care Team  
0300 3000 500  
[Nelccg.askus@nhs.net](mailto:Nelccg.askus@nhs.net)

**Please note, due to Data Protection Act (1998) the Customer Care Team are the only staff group within the CCG who can discuss specific details with individual's and patients should therefore be directed to them.**

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Cathy Kennedy', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Cathy Kennedy  
Deputy Chief Executive  
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