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I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18th April 2019. Your request sought information relating to IVF/ICSI treatment.

1. Does the health board currently offer IVF/ICSI treatments to couples with fertility issues?

Yes

2. How many cycles of IVF/ICSI treatment are routinely offered to eligible couples?

If couples/single patients are eligible to receive NHS funded treatment they are required to fulfil the Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) eligibility criteria – see attached.

3. What maximum and minimum ages are applied when offering IVF/ICSI treatment?

Minimum female/male age – 20 years
Maximum female age – 42 years
Maximum male age – 55 years

4. How many patients have been treated with IVF/ICSI in each of the previous five years?

2014/15 – 758 cycles
2015/16 – 683 cycles
2016/17 – 712 cycles
2017/18 – 750 cycles
2018/19 – 693 cycles



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5. **What maximum and minimum BMI criteria for female patients (if any) are applied when offering IVF/ICSI treatment and is treatment offered to those who smoke?**
BMI range 19-30
Must be non-smoking including e-cigarettes/vaping at the time of treatment.
6. **What maximum and minimum BMI criteria for male patients if any are applied when offering IVF/ICSI treatment and is treatment offered to those who smoke?**
No set BMI criteria for male patients
Must be non-smoking including e-cigarettes/vaping at the time of treatment.
7. **In each of the last five years, how many patients have initially been denied IVF/ICSI treatment because the female's BMI is over your criteria?**
The eligibility criteria is established by WHSSC – We would not hold any pre-referral data in relation to treatment eligibility as eligibility is declined before referral to our service.
8. **In each of the last five years, how many patients have initially been denied IVF/ICSI treatment because the male's BMI is over your criteria in each year?**
See Q6. Male BMI was excluded from the WHSSC criteria in June 2016.
9. **What other eligibility criteria must patients meet to receive IVF/ICSI funded by the health board?**
Please see attached WHSSC policy

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely



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