

Referral for the IVF treatment

Following your last appointment in the fertility clinic, you have been put forward for IVF treatment on the NHS.

You would have been given a list of the five choices of NHS clinics that you can choose from.

You are required to do your own research on these clinics and let the Fertility Nurse know on 01727 823111 in no less than 4 weeks please

When we provided the list of clinics, we would have requested virology bloods for Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C and HIV as it is a legal prerequisite prior to the treatment. Please do those tests as soon as you have decided on the choice of your clinic and have informed us of the name of the clinic.

We recommend that you do these blood tests after you have decided which clinic you would like to go to and before you contact the fertility nurse; as these test results need to be within 3 months of starting your treatment. If you do them early and take a long time to choose a clinic, the results might be out of date requiring you to repeat the tests, which will not only be time consuming and delay in starting your treatment but also might incur some cost.

The female partner undergoing treatment will also require a Chlamydia swab, for which you will need to contact the GP surgery. If this test has been done within the last 12 months make sure you take a copy of this result with you for your first appointment at the IVF clinic.

Due to recent changes in the guidelines for IVF, the referral paperwork needs to go to the CCG (Clinical Commissioning Group) for approval once you have informed us of your choice

Sometimes these referrals could be rejected for various clinical or technical reasons and the CCG would inform us about their decision

Once the referral is approved, it would be forwarded to the clinic of your choice and the clinic would get in touch with you directly to book your initial consultation

This whole process can take place 4-6 weeks so please bear with us during this time

The waiting time as well as the duration of treatment varies from clinic to clinic. It is advisable to visit clinic websites and to attend open days held by these clinics, which are free to attend and not obligatory in any way.

We can only forward a referral if you contact us within the next 4 weeks. If we do not hear from you within 4 weeks after having been seen in the clinic unfortunately you will be discharged from the system, as we have to abide by a certain time limit, and assume that you no longer wish to proceed with the treatment.

You will then have to be re-referred to the service which can be time consuming and may impact your success due to loss of time.

If you are a self-funding patient you would be requested to do your own research and contact the clinic of your choice directly. You can visit the HFEA (Human Fertilization and Embryology Authority) website to find out about different clinics. The correspondence you had so far with us should contain all the necessary information. However if any more information is required, you can contact your GP first and then our services

We want to make sure that your journey is smooth, pleasant and most importantly successful. Should you need any more information please contact the admin team on 01727823111