



## Clinical Thresholds

<b>Condition or Treatment</b>	In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) and assisted conception techniques
<b>Commissioning Threshold</b>	HaRD CCG is commissioning one full cycle of treatment in each case. Any previous cycles (however funded) will be taken into account in deciding if a patient is eligible for treatment. All treatment under this policy requires prior approval to be obtained from the CCG. Applications for approval are being handled by the CCGs IFR team. The full eligibility criteria are contained within the policy. A summary is listed below.
<b>Referral Guidance</b>	<p><b>Eligibility Criteria</b></p> <p>1. Age</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female partner intending to become pregnant is aged between 18 – 40 years</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female partner intending to become pregnant is aged between 40-42 (patients are eligible up to the date of their 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday)</li> </ul> <p>AND</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• There is no evidence of low ovarian reserve</li> <li>• There has been a discussion of the additional implications of IVF and pregnancy at this age</li> </ul> <p>(No new cycle should start after the woman's 43<sup>rd</sup> birthday. Referrers should be mindful of the woman's age at the point of referral and the age limit for new cycles)</p> <p>2. Length of Relationship</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Couple have been cohabiting in a stable relationship for a minimum of 2 years</li> </ul> <p>3. BMI</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Female partner intending to become pregnant has a BMI between 19 and 30</li> </ul> <p>(Patients with a higher BMI should be advised about healthy lifestyle interventions including weight management advice. Patients should not be re-referred to tertiary services until their BMI is within the recommended range)</p> <p>4. Smoking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Both partners do not smoke (defined as not smoked for at least 4 weeks)</li> </ul> <p>(Patients and their partners who smoke should be offered smoking cessation advice and referral to smoking cessation services)</p> <p>5. Duration of infertility</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Couple have not conceived after 2 years of regular unprotected intercourse</li> </ul> <p>OR</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• For couples where intercourse is not possible, who have not conceived after 12 cycles of artificial insemination (where 6 or</li> </ul>

	<p>6. Existing children</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neither partner has any living children from this or a previous relationship (this includes adopted children but not fostered)</li> </ul> <p>7. Welfare of the child</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The couple have been assessed as meeting the requirement contained within the HFEA Appendix entitled 'Welfare of the child'</li> </ul> <p>Treatment is not funded where patients have undergone sterilisation or unsuccessful reversal of sterilisation.</p> <p>The CCG would expect that where either partner is a smoker, they should be given smoking cessation support in the same manner as the "Stop before your op" scheme for other elective referrals.</p> <p>To view any of the appendices below please click the corresponding button on the Fertility home page.</p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 1 – Y&amp;H Access to infertility policy</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 2 – IFR referral</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 3 – Assisted conception referral form</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 4 – Assisted conception flow chart</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 5 – Approval letter</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 6 – Decline letter</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 7 – Leeds RMU pro forma</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 8 – GP referral pathway</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 9 – Secondary care referral pathway</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 10 – Guidance for RMU's</a></p> <p><a href="#">Appendix 11 – Information for patients</a></p>
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<b>Summary of evidence / rationale</b>	NICE guidelineCG156 (February 2013) section 1.9.1 (see below) Clinical Knowledge Summary (see below) HaRD CCG: Assisted Conception Treatment Policy 2014/15
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#### References:

- NICE guidelineCG156 (February 2013) section 1.9.1  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/cg156>



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2. Clinical Knowledge Summary <http://cks.nice.org.uk/infertility>
3. HaRD CCG: Assisted Conception Treatment Policy 2014/15