

## IVF & Embryo Private & NHS

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Further to your Freedom of Information Act request, please find the Trust's response(s) below:

Please be aware that the Royal Devon University Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust (Royal Devon) has existed since 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 following the integration of the Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust (known as Northern Services) and the Royal Devon and Exeter NHS Foundation Trust (known as Eastern Services).

*I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 to request the following information. Please include any private providers you use in your breakdowns below.*

- 1) *How many private v NHS-funded patients did your trust treat for IVF in the financial year 2012-2013 and in the same period for 2022-2023? Please can you break this down by year and state whether they were private patients or NHS patients.*

Answer: Please see table below.

	<b>2012/13</b>	<b>2022/23</b>
<i>NHS Patients</i>	144	187
<i>Self-Funded Patients</i>	281	187

- 2) *How many private patients that you treated for IVF in the financial year 2012-2013 and 2022-23 started as NHS patients via your service? Please break this down by year*

Answer: The Trust does not hold this information in a reportable format, as the information is not specifically recorded. Patients are referred as NHS or self-funded with a proportion of NHS referrals not being eligible to proceed with NHS funded treatment. These would then either convert to self-funded treatment or not continue with any treatment.

- 3) *What was the success rate for 2022-2023 per embryo transferred using patients eggs for NHS patients compared to privately-funded patients? Please break this down by ages 18-34, 35-37, 38-39, and 40-42.*

Answer: Please see table below. Representing fresh & frozen embryo transfers using own eggs April 2022 to March 2023. Figures stated are for clinical pregnancies per embryos transferred.

<b>*Age Category</b>	<b>Fresh IVF &amp; ICSI</b>		<b>Frozen IVF &amp; ICSI</b>	
	<b>NHS</b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>	<b>NHS</b>	<b>Self-Funded</b>
18-34	29.5%	26.5%	53.3%	38.8%
35-37	15.4%	28.6%	16.6%	35%
38-39	13.0%	19.5%	0%	35.2%
40-42	0%	9.3%	33.3%	15.7%

\*Age categories for frozen cycles relate to age at time of frozen transfer not age at time of embryo storage.

4) *How many embryos have your service destroyed for patients who no longer wanted to store them in the financial year 2012-2013 and in the same period for 2022-2023? Please break this down by year and state the reason given for them not wanting to store them if possible and this information is available.*

Answer: Please see table below. In accordance with Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we are unable to provide figures where the number of patients is less than or equal to five and could risk the identification of those patients and breach Caldicott principles. In these cases ≤5 is used to indicate that a figure between 1 and 5 is being suppressed.

This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, CCG's providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

<b>Date Period</b>	<b>Total embryos removed from storage for disposal</b>	<b>Reason</b>
April 2012-March 2013 inclusive	121	Consent expiry
	17	End of storage period
	≤5	Patient request in line with 2007 embryo XP
	53	Withdrawal of consent
April 2022-March 2023 inclusive	≤5	CONTRACT EXPIRY + COUPLES WISHES
	≤5	D/O PATIENT WISHES
	≤5	LETTER RECEIVED STATING D/O
	21	PATIENT WISHES / PATIENT WISHES VIA LETTER
	≤5	PR SIGN OFF

- 5) *How many patients have been treated in a private v NHS clinic in the financial year 2012-2013 and in the same period for 2022-2023? Please break this down by year and state the name of the service commissioned and money spent with them.*

Answer: Please see tables below, the data represents the date range 2022 to 2023 only. The Trust does not hold the 2012 to 2013 information. 2012 to 2013 data was before the Trust took on ownership.

<b>NHS Patients - 2022-23</b>		
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Number of Patients treated</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
NHS IVF	72	£244,440
NHS IVF/ICSI	52	£184,288
EGG BANKING	9	£30,555
ABANDONED IVF	34	£105,978
CRYOSTORE AFTER ABANDONED CYCLE	≤5	£3,688
FET AFTER ABANDONED CYCLE	7	£1,897
FREEZE/STORE 1YR IN NHS IVF SET CYCLE	48	£17,280
FET AFTER NHS IVF SET CYCLE	22	£18,766
ABANDONED FET	≤5	£570
AGE 38 AND OVER SUPPLEMENT	32	£7,072
ICSI	29	£4,321
NEW CONSULTATION	≤5	£134
FOLLOW UP CONSULTATION	136	£10,472
TESA	≤5	£2,045
ESOR SUPPLEMENT	≤5	£2,182
GAMETE STORAGE ONLY	20	£2,620
SPERM BANKING UP TO 5YRS	25	£21,425
DONOR SPERM OBTAINED	≤5	£2,634

<b>Self-Funded - 2022-23</b>		
<b>Procedure</b>	<b>Number of Patients treated</b>	<b>Total (£)</b>
IVF	58	£198,845
IVF + ICSI	35	£151,615
TESA	9	£9,250

Cryopreservation	47	£21,205
FET	80	£78,155
Endometrial Scratch	7	£1,155
Scans	78	£12,830
New Consultation	171	£31,780
F/U Consultation	107	£12,350
IUI	37	£35,672
ICSI only	14	£12,170
Semen Analysis	16	£1,680
Storage Fee	201	£4,725
Egg Banking	≤5	£6,900
IUI Conversion to IVF	≤5	£1,900
PGD	17	£19,665
HyCoSy	8	£2,800
IB Referral Consultation	7	£1,400
Sperm DNA Frag Test	≤5	£696
ESOR	≤5	£16,455