

Clinics licensed by the HFEA

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For more information about each of these clinics, including the range of services they provide, whether they treat NHS or fee-paying patients and contact details, please go to the Find A Clinic section of our website: www.hfea.gov.uk/ForPatients

Scotland

- 1 University of Aberdeen
- 2 Ninewells Hospital, Dundee
- 3 Lanarkshire Acute Hospital NHS Trust, Airdrie
- 4 Edinburgh Assisted Conception Unit
- 5 Glasgow Nuffield Hospital
- 6 Glasgow Royal Infirmary

England (by region)

North East

- 7 Newcastle Fertility Centre at Life
- 8 Centre for Assisted Reproduction, Gateshead
- 9 Sunderland Fertility Centre
- 10 Hartlepool General Hospital
- 11 Bishop Auckland General Hospital
- 12 Cromwell IVF and Fertility Centre, Darlington
- 13 Cleveland Gynaecology and Fertility Centre, Middlesbrough
- 14 The James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough

North West

- 15 St Mary's Hospital, Manchester
- 16 CARE Manchester
- 17 Manchester Fertility Services
- 18 Hewitt Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Liverpool Women's Hospital

Yorkshire and the Humber

- 19 ACU Leeds
- 20 Clarendon Wing, Leeds General Infirmary
- 21 Hull IVF Unit
- 22 CARE at the Sheffield Fertility Centre
- 23 Centre for Reproductive Medicine, University of Sheffield

East Midlands

- 24 Queens Medical Centre Fertility Unit, Nottingham
- 25 NURTURE, Nottingham
- 26 CARE Nottingham
- 27 Derby City General Hospital
- 28 Leicester Fertility Centre
- 29 CARE Northampton

West Midlands

- 30 Burton Hospitals NHS Trust, Burton upon Trent
- 31 Shropshire and Mid-Wales Fertility Centre, Shrewsbury
- 32 St Jude's Women's Hospital, Wolverhampton
- 33 BMI Priory Hospital, Birmingham
- 34 Midland Fertility Services, Aldridge
- 35 Birmingham Women's Hospital
- 36 Centre for Reproductive Medicine and Fertility, Coventry

East

- 37 The Fertility Unit, Peterborough District Hospital
- 38 The Rosie Hospital, Cambridge
- 39 Bourn Hall Clinic, Cambridge
- 40 Isis Fertility Centre, Colchester
- 41 Brentwood Fertility Centre
- 42 Essex Fertility Centre, Buckhurst Hill

Greater London

- 43 London Female and Male Fertility Centre, Highgate
- 44 Homerton University Hospital, Hackney
- 45 CRM London, Marylebone
- 46 Reproductive Medicine Unit, UCL Hospital NHS Trust, Holborn
- 47 North East London Fertility Services, Ilford
- 48 UCH London, Camden
- 49 IVF Hammersmith, Ealing
- 50 Assisted Reproduction and Gynaecology Centre, Marylebone
- 51 Bart's and the London Fertility Centre, West Smithfield
- 52 Reproductive Genetics Institute, Marylebone
- 53 The Lister Fertility Clinic, Chelsea
- 54 London Women's Clinic/Hallam Medical Centre, Marylebone
- 55 The Harley Street Fertility Centre, Marylebone
- 56 Cromwell IVF and Fertility Centre, Chelsea
- 57 London Fertility Centre, Marylebone
- 58 Chelsea and Westminster Hospital, Chelsea

Greater London (cont)

- 59 The Bridge Centre, London Bridge
- 60 Guy's Hospital, Waterloo
- 61 ACU King's College Hospital, Camberwell
- 62 Queen Mary's Hospital, Sidcup
- 63 Shirley Oaks Hospital, Croydon
- 64 BMI Chelsfield Park ACU, Orpington

South East

- 65 Oxford Fertility Unit
- 66 BMI The Chiltern Hospital Fertility Services Unit, Great Missenden
- 67 The Woking Nuffield Hospital
- 68 BMI The Chaucer Hospital, Canterbury
- 69 South East Fertility Clinic, Tunbridge Wells
- 70 Wessex Fertility Limited, Southampton
- 71 The Princess Anne Hospital Fertility Unit, Southampton
- 72 Esperance Private Hospital, Eastbourne

South West

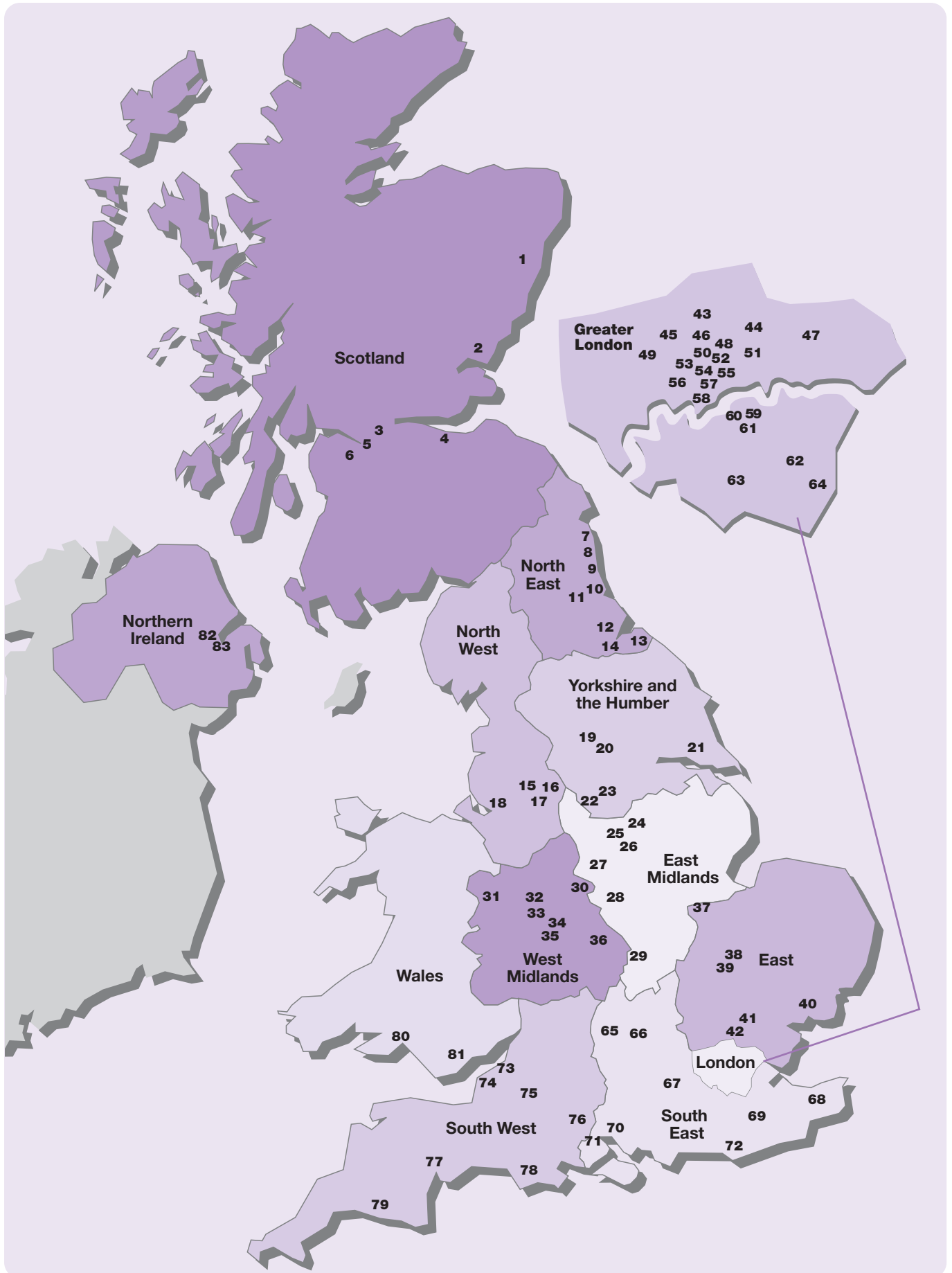
- 73 Southmead Hospital, Bristol
- 74 Centre for Reproductive Medicine, University of Bristol
- 75 Bath Assisted Conception Clinic
- 76 Salisbury Fertility Centre
- 77 Peninsular Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Exeter
- 78 BMI The Winterbourne Hospital, Dorchester
- 79 South West Centre for Reproductive Medicine, Plymouth

Wales

- 80 Cromwell IVF and Fertility Centre, Swansea
- 81 Cardiff Assisted Reproduction Unit

Northern Ireland

- 82 Regional Fertility Centre, Belfast
- 83 Origins Fertility Care, Belfast



Useful contacts



ACeBabes

ACeBabes offers support on pregnancy following fertility treatment, multiple births, donor conception for donors and recipients, decisions surrounding frozen embryos, trying for siblings, deciding to end treatment, and telling children how they were conceived. Provides a quarterly newsletter, sub-group news sheets, meetings, personal contacts for specific conditions and an interactive website.

Tel: 0845 838 1593

Website: www.acebabes.co.uk

British Infertility Counselling Association (BICA)

BICA aims to promote high quality, accessible counselling services for those with fertility problems. It offers information to patients seeking details of counsellors specialising in infertility.

Tel: 01744 750 660

Website: www.bica.net

Cancerbacup

This charity offers independent, accessible information, practical advice and support for people affected by cancer. Its range of information booklets includes how cancer treatments can affect fertility (and the future fertility of teenage patients).

Tel: 0808 800 1234

Website: www.cancerbacup.org.uk

Child Bereavement Trust

This charity's philosophy is based on learning from families who have experienced the death of a baby or child or from children who have experienced the death of their mother, father, brother or sister.

Tel: 0845 357 1000

Website: www.childbereavement.org.uk

Childlessness Overcome Through Surrogacy (COTS)

The main objective of COTS is to pass on collective experience to surrogates and would-be parents, helping them to understand the implications of surrogacy.

Tel: 0844 414 0181

Website: www.surrogacy.org.uk

Daisy Network Premature Menopause Support Group

Daisy Network provides support and information for women who have gone through an early menopause. Members can speak to others who have been through egg donation cycles, both successfully and unsuccessfully. Also publishes factsheets and a quarterly newsletter and has an annual open day.

Website: www.daisynetwork.org.uk

Donor Conception Network (DC Network)

DC Network provides contact and support for people who have children conceived, or who plan family creation, using donated gametes through donor insemination (DI) and IVF with donor sperm or donated eggs. Also provides support for adult offspring of donor conception.

Tel: 020 8245 4369

Website: www.dcnetwork.org

Genetic Interest Group (GIG)

A national alliance of patient organisations with a membership of over 130 charities which support children, families and individuals affected by genetic disorders.

Tel: 020 7704 3141

Website: www.gig.org.uk

Infertility Network UK (I N UK)

I N UK provides practical and emotional support to those experiencing difficulties in conceiving whatever stage of their journey they are at. There is a regional network and local support groups, and the charity also produces factsheets and other information, including a video. They have a telephone advice line, medical advisers and a website with news, forums and information.

Tel: 08701 188 088

Website: www.infertilitynetworkuk.com

Miscarriage Association

The Association provides support and information on pregnancy loss.

Tel: 01924 200799

Website:

www.miscarriageassociation.org.uk

More to Life

A national support network providing a support service for people exploring what life without children has to offer - both involuntary childlessness, and those for whom fertility treatment is no longer a consideration.

Tel: 08701 188 088

Multiple Births Foundation

The Multiple Births Foundation provides professional support and information about all aspects of multiple births.

Tel: 020 8383 3519

Website: www.multiplebirths.org.uk

National Childbirth Trust (NCT)

The NCT helps parents to have an enriching experience of pregnancy, birth and early parenthood, providing local support and contacts for social networking. It runs antenatal classes and provides information on maternity issues, breastfeeding and postnatal support, including specialist groups for Caesareans and miscarriage.

Tel: 0870 770 3236

Website:

www.nctpregnancyandbabycare.com

National Endometriosis Society

The Society provides a helpline, local groups and clubs, a newsletter and other publications, workshops and conferences.

Tel: 0808 808 2227

Website: www.endo.org.uk

National Gamete Donation Trust (NGDT)

The NGDT was founded as a registered charity in April 1998 in order to raise awareness of, and seek ways to alleviate, the shortage of sperm, egg and embryo donors in the UK. The NGDT is a central reference point for donors, recipients and health professionals.

Tel: 0845 226 9193

Website: www.ngdt.co.uk

National Institute for Clinical Excellence (NICE)

NICE is part of the NHS. It is the independent organisation responsible for helping patients, health professionals and the public to make decisions about treatment and healthcare.

Tel: 020 7067 5800

Website: www.nice.org.uk

Pink Parents UK

Pink Parents' services to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered families includes information and support to those who would like to have children.

Tel: 08701 273 274

Website: www.pinkparents.org.uk

Project Group on Assisted Reproduction (PROGAR)

PROGAR campaigns in two main areas: for the right of people with fertility difficulties to informed choice and quality of care, including counselling; and for the right of people to have access to identifying information about their genetic origin.

Tel: 0121 622 3911

Website: www.basw.co.uk/progar

Progress Educational Trust (PET)

This UK charity provides information and debate on assisted reproduction and human genetics, promoting discussion among patients, the wider public and professionals on their social, legal and ethical implications. PET holds regular public debates and conferences and produces a free web and email news and comment service, BioNews, with support from the Department of Health.

Tel: 020 7278 7870

Website: www.progress.org.uk

Stillbirth and Neonatal Death Society (SANDS)

SANDS provides support for parents and families whose baby is stillborn or dies soon after birth.

Tel: 020 7436 5881

Website: www.uk-sands.org

Surrogacy UK

A website and message board providing advice on surrogacy in the UK. It was set up by Elizabeth Stringer and Carol O'Reilly, who have been involved in surrogacy since 1994.

Tel: 01531 821889 (10am-2pm)

Website: www.surrogacyuk.org

Twins and Multiple Births Association (TAMBA)

TAMBA provides support for families with twins, triplets or more, and for professionals involved with their care. It has a network of local twins clubs and specialist support groups, and provides publications and information packs.

Tel: 0870 138 0509

Website: www.tamba.org.uk

UK Donorlink

A pilot voluntary contact register set up to enable people conceived through donated sperm and/or eggs, their donors and half-siblings to exchange information and - where desired - to contact each other. The register is for anyone over 18 who was conceived with donated sperm or eggs, or who donated in the UK before the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act came into force in August 1991.

Tel: 0113 278 3217

Website: www.ukdonorlink.org.uk

Verity

Verity is a self-help organisation for women affected by polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS) and is dedicated to improving the lives of sufferers.

Website: www.verity-pcos.org.uk

Useful websites

There are many websites that provide information about infertility and opportunities to ask questions and exchange personal experiences with others. A few that patients have mentioned to us are:

www.fertilityfriends.co.uk

www.may-b-baby.co.uk

www.gettingpregnant.co.uk

www.ivf-infertility.com

Let us know of others you find helpful.

The HFEA cannot vouch for the information supplied by other organisations mentioned in this Guide. Nor does the inclusion of such organisations' details in the Guide imply any endorsement by the HFEA.

Ask the clinic

THE FIRST CONSULTATION WITH A DOCTOR OR CLINIC CAN SOMETIMES BE CONFUSING OR DIFFICULT. DO REMEMBER THAT CLINIC STAFF ARE THERE TO HELP YOU AND WILL BE HAPPY TO DISCUSS YOUR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS WITH YOU. IT'S VITAL THAT YOU FEEL FULLY INFORMED ABOUT, AND COMFORTABLE WITH, THE RECOMMENDED TREATMENT

Some patients find it helpful to keep a diary of clinic appointments, cycle dates and other information, such as notes from your consultations and questions that arise in between appointments which you would like to raise next time.

There are many issues raised throughout this Guide and you have probably also received a lot of information from friends, doctors and the internet. We've listed some of the questions here that you may also want to ask when you visit your clinic, to help you make the most of your consultation.



- What are the benefits of the treatment you've recommended and why do you think it's the best option for me?
- How many patients at your clinic have had this treatment in the last two years, and how many of them have become pregnant/had a baby?
- Are there alternative treatments? If so, what do they involve, and why do you think they are less suitable for me?
- What other options are available to me if this treatment doesn't work?
- How does my age affect the choice of fertility treatment?
- What drugs will I have to take, and what are the usual side effects they might have?
- Are there any alternatives to the drugs you have mentioned?
- Can you break down all the costs involved in this treatment? Are there any other costs that might arise?
- Is there any way these costs can be reduced?
- What lifestyle changes can I make to boost my chance of success (eg, diet, exercise, stopping smoking, etc)? How will these help?
- What kind of counselling or advice service do you provide? Is there a cost for this, or how many free sessions can I have?
- Does this clinic have a patient support group I can join, or are there other groups you would recommend?
- Could you tell me more about the assessment process you will need to carry out before giving me the go-ahead for treatment (this is sometimes known as the 'welfare of the child' assessment).
- What happens next? Do I (and/or my partner) need to do anything now?

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