

Meeting of HFEA Appeal Panel

9 January 2008
21 Bloomsbury Street London WC1B 3HF

MINUTES

Assisted Reproduction and Gynaecology Centre (Centre 0157) and the Reproductive Genetics Institute (Centre 0206)

Attendees

The Authority constituted for the purposes of section 20(5) of the HFE Act (the Appeal Panel):

Chair of the Appeal Panel
Members of the Appeal Panel

Walter Merricks
Sue Price
Chris Barrett
Roger Neuberg
Rebekah Dundas (present via
teleconference phone)

Legal Adviser to the Appeal Panel
Secretary to the Appeal Panel

Stephen Hocking, Solicitor
Claudia Lally

The following papers were considered by the Committee:

- Executive Summary (2 pages)
- letter from Walter Merricks to Catherine Drennan dated 20 September 2007
- letter from Walter Merricks to Alan Johnson dated 20 September 2007
- letter from Dawn Primarolo to Walter Merricks dated 26 October 2007.

1. The Committee noted that the licence for centre 0157 is due to expire on 17 January 2008. Taking into account the fact that it has not been possible to determine Mr Taranissi's appeal since the adjournment of the hearing on 17 September, that this has not been due to any action or inaction on the part of Mr Taranissi, and that there were no other reasons not to offer a licence to preserve the status quo pending a final determination of this matter, the Committee decided to offer a further four month licence to centre 0157 to remain in force until 17 May 2008, or until any earlier determination of the appeal or any earlier determination of a separate renewal application.

2. The Committee also determined that it would be appropriate for all matters relating to this centre to remain within the jurisdiction of this panel for the time being.

Signed..... Date.....
Walter Merricks (Chair)