



HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY AUTHORITY

SCIENTIFIC AND CLINICAL ADVANCES GROUP

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Agenda Item:	3
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Paper Title:	Success Rates Project
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For Information or Decision?	Decision
Resource Implications:	Cost of an external statistician to be met by HFEA
Recommendation to the Committee:	Members are asked to comment on the scope of the project and factors to be taken into account in interpreting success rates

Introduction

1. The Executive propose adding a new project on success rates to the Authority's 2005-06 business plan. A Project Initiation Document has been drafted and is at Annex A. This sets out the aims and objectives and scope of the project as well as a risk analysis and outline project plan.
2. BFS, ACE and RCOG have been invited to participate in the project and will be sending representatives for this agenda item (Peter Braude, as a co-opted member of SCAG will represent RCOG).
3. The project will be supported by an external statistician employed by HFEA on a consultancy basis. The work will be tendered, and an update on this will be provided at the meeting.

Issues for Discussion

4. Members and other participants are invited to
 - comment on the scope of the project and the outline project plan;
 - advise the Executive on factors to be taken into account in addressing the underlying causes of variation in success rates;
 - advise on any additional data that should be collected to enable valid conclusions to be reached on factors influencing success rates;
 - suggest what further contribution professional bodies and patient groups might make to the project.