

F-2016-00094- egg storage 2014

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for data regarding number of women who underwent elective egg or embryo storage with no intention to transfer between 2014 – 2015 broken down by funding source and regional area.

HFEA response

Please find the requested data in the attached spreadsheet.

Please note that the HFEA understood “elective egg storage” to mean it was indicated on the IVF treatment form under section 10 that eggs were collected ‘For Storing Eggs’. You can find a copy of the IVF treatment form at

http://www.hfea.gov.uk/docs/New_Colour_IVF_Treatment_Embryo_Creation_Use_Form_v2007.pdf.

As you will see I have replaced all low numbers with a ‘<5’ because there is a significant possibility that this information, when combined with other information to which you may reasonably be expected to have access, could lead to the identification of a person to whom the HFEA owes a duty of confidentiality. To disclose this information in these circumstances may therefore result in a breach of the confidentiality provisions of section 33A of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended), and the information is therefore exempt from disclosure under section 44 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Please note that the HFEA can only provide data up to 30/06/2015 for treatment and data up to 30/06/2014 for outcomes, as this is the latest date for which we have verified information.

This data was extracted from the HFEA’s data warehouse containing Register data as at 22 April 2016. Please note that the information in our database may be subject to change as licensed centres notify us of information that updates or corrects information they have previously supplied.