F-2012-00202 - Creating embryos as tissue matches for sick siblings

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information regarding how many licences have been granted to create embryos as tissue matches for sick siblings.

HFEA response

A search of our records shows the following figures for the recent period since 2010.

a) The number of applications split by year

2010 - 9 applications

2011 - 15 applications

2012 - 7 applications (up to 05/09/2012)

b) The number of approved applications split by year

2010 - 9 applications

2011 - 15 applications

2012 - 7 applications (up to 05/09/2012)

c) The number of centres currently licensed to carry out embryo testing, and thus eligible to make an HLA application

19 centres

It may also be useful to view an HFEA response to an FOI request about HLA testing, published here: http://www.hfea.gov.uk/6073.html