F-2014-00151 - Information concerning congenital abnormalities in children born using frozen eggs

19 June 2014

Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information on congenital abnormalities in children born after treatment using frozen eggs in the UK and at CRM Care.

HFEA response

The requested information can be found in the table below. It was drawn from the HFEA database on 19/06/2014 and relates to treatment by women using their own eggs as well as women using donated eggs. It covers the period from 01/01/2009 to 30/06/2012.

Years	Cycles with live birth events - all centres	Cycles with live birth events - CRM	Cycles with live births - abnormalities seen - all centres	Possible abnormalities seen - all centres
2009	<5	0	<5	0
2010	17	0	0	0
2011	20	0	0	<5
2012*	19	0	<5	0

^{*}Please note that the first six months of outcome data for 2012 has been included as that is all that has been verified within the sector [at the time of this response being produced].

All numbers under 5 have been replaced with '<5' as the Authority cannot release the information requested. This is because to do so could lead to the identification of a person to whom the HFEA owes a duty of confidentiality. To disclose this information may therefore result in a breach of the confidentiality provisions of section 33A of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended). This information is therefore exempt from the general entitlement to disclosure provided by section 1 of the FOIA under section 44 of that Act.