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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information on the number of clinics using assisted hatching technique along with number of patients and their outcomes. Please see the attached spreadsheet for this information.

HFEA response

You have requested information on the number of clinics using assisted hatching technique along with number of patients and their outcomes. Please see the attached spreadsheet for this information.

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

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.