

**THE APPEALS COMMITTEE OF THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND
EMBRYOLOGY AUTHORITY**

IN THE MATTER OF:

iTRUST FERTILITY (CENTRES 0015 & 0086)

Appellant

- and -

**THE HUMAN FERTILISATION AND EMBRYOLOGY
AUTHORITY**

Respondent

DIRECTIONS

UPON the Notices of Exercise of Rights in respect of Centres 0015 and 0086 dated 26 February 2023 and considering the documents filed thereto,

AND UPON the Appellant's application for an oral hearing on an expedited basis of their challenge to the 2 Notices of Decision in respect of Centres 0015 and 0086,

AND UPON HEARING Jenni Richards KC as leading Counsel for the Appellant and Sarah Ellson as Solicitor for the Respondent in a Case Management Hearing by MS Teams on 9 March 2023,

THE CHAIR OF THE APPEALS COMMITTEE DIRECTS THAT:

1. The Appellant shall by 2:00pm on 10 March 2023 provide the Respondent with a list of all the documents that it intends to rely upon in these proceedings.

2. The Appellant shall by 10:00am on 13 March 2023 file with the Appeals Committee and serve on the Respondent a witness statement in support of the Notices of Exercise of Right, together with copies of all documents relied upon.
3. The Appellant shall by 2:00pm on 15 March 2023 notify the Respondent of any authorities that it proposes to rely upon at the final hearing.
4. The Respondent shall by 2:00pm on 15 March 2023 file with the Appeals Committee and serve on the Appellant a witness statement in response to the Appellant's witness statement, together with copies of all documents relied upon.
5. The Parties shall file with the Appeals Committee and exchange Skeleton Arguments by 2:00pm on 17 March 2023. The Skeleton Arguments shall cross-reference to the bundles referred to in paragraph 6 below.
6. The Parties shall liaise and agree:
 - a. an indexed and paginated bundle containing any relevant authorities and legislation;
 - b. an indexed and paginated bundle containing the skeleton arguments and evidence to be relied upon at the final hearing;four hard copies of which are to be filed with the Appeals Committee by 4:00pm on 17 March 2023.
7. The matter shall be heard on an expedited basis by way of oral hearing commencing at 10:00am on 22 March 2023 with an estimate of 1 days. The place of the hearing shall be notified to the parties by the Secretary to the Appeals Committee in due course.

HODGE MALEK KC
Chair of the Appeals Committee
9 March 2023