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BMI AND IVF TREATMENT AT REGIONAL FERTILITY CENTRE

Under Freedom of Information can you please provide me with details on how the decision was made to lower the BMI threshold for IVF treatment on the NHS from 35 to 30.

Can you also outline when this decision came into effect and how long the existing threshold of a BMI of 35 was in place for?

The decision to lower the BMI threshold for IVF treatment on the NHS from 35 to 30 was made by the Department of Health (DoH) when the criteria for eligibility to access fertility treatment was changed with effect from June 2019.

The DoH can advise who was involved in making that decision and changing the criteria for eligibility.

The BMI threshold had been set at 35 prior to this change. This had been in place for a number of years and since the current staff in the Regional Fertility Centre have been in post. Again, the DoH can clarify when the threshold of 35 was established.