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## **REGIONAL FERTILITY CENTRE BELFAST**

**Under the Freedom of Information Act, I would like to request the following information regarding the Regional Fertility Centre Belfast:**

- **Does the centre offer egg retrieval procedures on weekends for private patients?**
  - No
  
- **Does the centre offer egg retrieval procedures on weekends for NHS patients?**
  - No
  
- **Does the centre offer natural cycle frozen embryo transfers?**
  - Yes
  
- **If yes to the above, for the most recent complete year of data, how many frozen embryo transfers did the centre complete? How many of these were natural cycle transfers?**
  - Total: 367, 10 of which were Natural FET's
  
- **Please could you send me a copy of any patient information (e.g. patient information sheet/leaflet) relating to embryo transfer/the embryo transfer cycle?**
  - FET information is available on our website ([IVF and ICSI | Belfast Health & Social Care Trust website \(hscni.net\)](#)).
  
- **What are the centre's criteria for providing IVF/ICSI (e.g. BMI, smoking status, age, any other requirements)? Please state if and how the criteria differ between NHS and private patients.**
  - (Criteria is available on the RFC website – Please see link attached) <https://belfasttrust.hscni.net/download/208/rfc/1999/eligibility-for-hsc-funded-ivf-and-related-treatments-effective-from-1st-june-2019.pdf>