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IVF and abortions in Northern Ireland

1. How many rounds of IVF are heterosexual couples entitled to in Northern Ireland?

Currently heterosexual couples are entitled to one HSC-funded full cycle of fertility treatment in the Regional Fertility Centre (RFC).

2. How many rounds of IVF are heterosexual couples entitled to in Great Britain and Scotland?

This can vary depending on trust and location. The Regional Fertility Centre does not hold this information.

3. How many rounds of IVF are same sex couples entitled to in Northern Ireland?

Currently same sex couples are entitled to one HSC-funded full cycle of fertility treatment in Regional Fertility Centre.

4. What is the percentage of a live birth from one round of IVF in patients 35-40 years of age?

Data is only available from Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority (HFEA) for all ages (please see attached). The most up to date data available from Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority is from January – December 2023 which shows 35% live births per cycle in Regional Fertility Centre. The Regional Fertility Centre does not hold data for fertility cycles provided in the private sector.

5. What is the percentage of a live birth from two rounds of IVF in patients 35-40 years of age?

The Regional Fertility Centre is not commissioned to offer 2 cycles of IVF. The Regional Fertility Centre does not hold data for fertility cycles provided in the private sector.

6. What is the percentage of a live birth from three rounds of IVF in patients 35-40 years of age?

The Regional Fertility Centre is not commissioned to offer 3 cycles of IVF. The Regional Fertility Centre does not hold data for fertility cycles provided in the private sector

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7. How much does a single round of IVF cost in Northern Ireland?

This enquiry should be redirected to the Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG) to advise on commissioning of services for Northern Ireland.

8. How much does an abortion cost in Northern Ireland?

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9. How many abortions up to 12 weeks are carried out per year in Northern Ireland?

2020	440
2021	503
2022	677
2023	780
2024	803
2025	878

10. How many successful IVFs take place per year in Northern Ireland?

Data is only available from Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority (please see attached). The most up to date data available from Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority is from January – December 2023 which shows 209 live births per cycle in Regional Fertility Centre. The Regional Fertility Centre does not hold data for fertility cycles provided in the private sector.

11. How many abortions can one individual woman access per year In Northern Ireland?

There are no restrictions relating to the number of times a woman can access abortion care.

12. What are the NICE guidelines for number of cycles women have access to and why is Northern Ireland not following g them?

NICE CG156 Fertility problems: assessment and treatment guidelines which endorse up to three fertility cycles to all women who meet the eligibility criteria for assisted fertility treatment. Regional Fertility Centre is commissioned to deliver one fertility cycle. Commissioning queries should be directed to Strategic Planning and Performance Group (SPPG).

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