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## Re: Freedom of Information Request - IVF treatment

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on the 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2022.

### You Asked for:

I am looking for information regarding In Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) treatment in your Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) area.

1. Please provide details of the criteria a person needs to meet to be eligible for IVF in your CCG area.
2. For the years 2021, 2020, 2019:
  - a. How many people were accepted for IVF treatment in your CCG area?
  - b. How many people were refused for IVF treatment in your CCG area?
  - c. How many people were refused based on their Body Mass Index (BMI)?
  - d. How many people from an ethnic minority background received IVF treatment in your CCG area? If the information is held, please indicate the ethnic backgrounds.

### Our Response:

1. The Wirral Sub-fertility policy is published on the NHS Wirral Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) website. Please click on the link provided below for further information: <https://www.wirralccg.nhs.uk/media/1254/subfertility-policy-wirral-2017-18.pdf>
2. Please see below:
  - a. Unfortunately, NHS Wirral CCG does not hold this information. Please can I suggest that you contact the providers of this service directly? I have included the details below for Liverpool Women's NHS Foundation Trust (LWH) and the Countess of Chester Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (COCH), should you wish to do so.  
LWFT - [FOI@lwh.nhs.uk](mailto:FOI@lwh.nhs.uk)  
COCH – [foi.enquiries@nhs.net](mailto:foi.enquiries@nhs.net)
  - b. Please see the answer to question 2a.
  - c. Please see the answer to question 2a.
  - d. Please see the answer to question 2a.

We hope this information is useful, however, if you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team, (contact details at the top of this letter).

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