

HFEA RNE Notice

Request to renew consent to the storage of embryos within the renewal period pursuant to paragraph 11A(2) of Schedule 3 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990

FROM:

Name and address of clinic keeping embryos in storage:

STRICTLY PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL - ADDRESSEE ONLY

TO:

Name and surname:

Address:

Email address:

DOB:

DATE OF NOTICE:

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About this notice

We are writing to you in connection with the storage of your embryos at

We are required to ensure that your embryo(s) are stored in accordance with all relevant law and applicable guidance, in particular in compliance with the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ('the 1990 Act').

The 1990 Act permits you to store embryos for use in your, or your partner's, treatment (including with a surrogate, where applicable) for any period up to a maximum of 55 years from the date the embryos are first kept in storage.

However, you need to renew your consent in writing to the storage of embryos for treatment every 10 years.

Under the 1990 Act, each 10-year period of consent to the storage of embryos for treatment purposes is referred to as a "**consent period**".

Consent to the storage of embryos for treatment purposes must be renewed within the "**renewal period**".

The renewal period begins **12 months before the end of the consent period**, and ends **6 months after the end of the consent period**.

With the above in mind, please note that this is a formal statutory notice requesting that you renew in writing your consent to the storage of embryos for treatment purposes at this clinic.

[¹ This notice should be sent 12 months before the end of the consent period.]

You will need to take some action as a result of receiving this statutory notice.

Why have you received this notice?

According to our records, the **consent period(s)** for the storage of your embryo(s) at this clinic will end on:

BOX A

The **renewal period(s)** in respect of your embryo(s) will, accordingly, end on:

BOX B

Subject to the limited exceptions set out below:

1. **If you do not renew your consent in writing before the earliest of the consent period dates set out above, then your consent period for the storage of the embryos listed above for treatment will come to an end on each of the dates given in box A.**
2. **If you do not renew your consent in writing by the earliest of the renewal period dates set out in box B, then by law, your consent is taken as withdrawn and you cannot then use your embryos for your treatment.**

(You should be aware that the other egg or sperm provider (your partner or the egg or sperm donor) also needs to have given effective consent to storage for embryo storage to continue.)

3. **We may continue to store your embryos for a period of 6 months after the end of the renewal period date(s) set out in box B, but you will not be able to renew your consent to storage or use your embryos during this period. We are under a legal obligation to remove your embryos from storage and dispose of them by the end of this 6-month period.**

What should you do now?

If you would like to renew your consent to the storage of the embryo(s) set out above, you should first be provided with additional information and an offer of counselling (see below). Once you have received this, the form '**Renewal of consent to storage of your embryos for treatment**' (RE consent form) must be completed and **returned to this clinic so that it is received by this clinic by the earliest of the consent period dates set out in box A.**

If, after considering the information and the offer of counselling, you **do not** want to renew your consent to storage of your embryo(s) for treatment, then please complete the relevant section of the RE consent form and **return it to this clinic as soon as possible, and, in any event, so that it is received by this clinic by the earliest of the consent period date(s) set out in box A.**

Subject to the limited exceptions set out below, if you **do not** complete and return the RE consent form **before the earliest of the consent period date[s] set out above:**

1. Your consent period for the storage of embryos for treatment **will come to an end** on each of the date(s) given in box A, and, by law, you will be unable to use your embryo(s) for treatment unless you comply with step 2 below.
2. We will send you another statutory notice to remind you that if you **do not** complete and return the RE consent form before the earliest of the renewal period dates given in box B, **your consent is taken as withdrawn** and your embryos will be removed from storage and disposed of no later than **6 months after the end of the renewal period dates set out above.**

Additional information

Before you complete the RE form, you should have been provided with additional information covering:

1. The different options set out in the RE form;
2. The implications of giving your consent and what will happen if you do not renew your consent within the timeframes set out in this notice;
3. The consequences of withdrawing your consent;
4. How you can make changes to, or withdraw, your consent;
5. Opportunities to have proper counselling about the implications of treatment and storage.

You will need to consider this information before completing the RE consent form. There will be a declaration at the end of the consent form which you will be required to sign to confirm that you have received this information.

If you have not received, or are unsure about, the additional information referred to, please contact this clinic using the contact details provided for further guidance.

Exceptions

1. If the addressee of this notice has died

If the addressee of this notice has died, and you have received this notice, please contact this clinic as soon as possible using the contact details provided.

2. Lack of capacity to renew consent

If the addressee of this notice lacks capacity, and you have received this notice on their behalf, please contact this clinic as soon as possible using the contact details provided.