

## Annex to HFEA RNE Notice

### HFEA RNE(TP) Notice

**Request to renew consent to storage of embryo(s) within the Transitional Period as set out in Paragraph 18 of Schedule 17 to the Health and Care Act 2022**

#### **For use in the Transitional Period only**

**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 (as amended on 1 July 2022) 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.

If your embryo(s) were first kept in storage prior to 1 July 2022, and the consent period(s) for their storage ends between 1 July 2022 and 1 July 2024, if you want to continue to store your embryo(s) for treatment purposes, you **must** renew your consent to storage **before 1 July 2024**.

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

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<sup>1</sup> This notice should be given before 1 July 2023.

**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 the embryo(s) listed below at this clinic ends before 1 July 2024.

Subject to the limited exceptions set out below:

1. **If you do not renew your consent in writing before 1 July 2024, then your consent to storage of embryo(s) for treatment will be taken as withdrawn and your embryo(s) will be removed from storage and disposed of.**  
**(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.)**
2. **We may continue to store your embryos for a period of 6 months from 1 July 2024 until 31 December 2024, 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.**
3. **Where appropriate, we will take all reasonable steps to give notice to the other person (your partner) whose eggs or sperm were used to bring about the creation of the embryo(s) that your consent to storage of embryo(s) for treatment purposes has been taken as withdrawn.**

**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' (Transitional Period) (RE(TP))** must be completed and **returned to this clinic so that it is received by this clinic by no later than 30 June 2024.**

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 30 June 2024.**

## **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.