

HFEA DFS Notice

Statutory notice establishing the date of first storage of gametes or embryos pursuant to Paragraph 11 of Schedule 17 to the Health and Care Act 2022

FROM:

Name and address of clinic keeping eggs, sperm or embryo(s) 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 eggs, sperm or embryo(s) at

We are required to ensure that your eggs, sperm or 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').

From 1 July 2022 new laws came into force in relation to the permitted storage periods for eggs, sperm and embryos.

Under the new regime, all patients may store their eggs, sperm or embryos for their own treatment for a maximum of 55 years, but they can only do this if they renew their consent to storage, and this must take place within 10 years of first storage and at each successive 10-year period.

As part of the transition to the new regime, we have reviewed our storage records with a view to establishing the date on which your eggs, sperm or embryo(s) were first placed in storage.

Paragraph 11 of Schedule 17 to the Health and Care Act 2022 provides that if before 1 July 2024:

- a) we have taken all reasonable steps to establish the date on which your sperm, eggs and embryo(s) were first placed in storage, but
- b) have been unable to establish that date,

we may give notice to all persons whose consent to storage is required under the 1990 Act specifying a date on which the eggs, sperm or embryo(s) are to be regarded as having been first placed in storage.

[¹ This notice should be sent before 1 July 2024]

This is a formal statutory notice establishing the date on which your eggs, sperm or embryo(s) stored at this clinic will be regarded as having been first placed in storage.

Why have you received this notice?

You are in receipt of this notice because we have been unable to establish the date on which your [redacted] were first placed in storage. We have documented in your records all of the steps we have taken to try to determine the first date of storage.

The date on which your [redacted] will be regarded as having been first placed in storage.

The [redacted] identified as having no clear first date(s) of storage will be regarded as having been first placed on storage on [redacted]

Clinic to set out the reasons for the date set above: