

## Re-consenting patients with material already in storage: patients already subject to a period of extended storage

Embryos are first stored for use in treatment on 23 September 2006 with consent to storage of embryos for 10 years given by both gamete providers.

The first consent period for the embryos ends on 22 September 2016.

Prior to the end of the initial 10 year statutory consent period in 22 September 2016 both patients (gamete providers) consent to store for up to 55 years under the 2009 regulations. They meet the criteria for premature infertility and an MPS is completed on 31 August 2016 which permits storage until 30 August 2026.

New storage legislation and Transitional Period introduced 1 July 2022.

Patients wish to re-consent to the same period of storage under the new law before the expiry of their MPS 30 August 2026.

Both patients complete the section 'Additional storage prior to renewal' on the MT and WT forms and select 'Yes' to question 4.3.

Where patients are asked to 'Specify the number of years' they enter zero years. This is because the consent expiry date is the expiry date of the MPS and additional years of storage are therefore not needed to align the consent expiry date with the date on which renewal is required.

Storage is permitted under the new law until 30 August 2026. Centres explain clearly to patients that the consent expiry date that obtained previously will remain their consent expiry date.

The renewal period begins on 30 August 2025 (12 months before MPS expires)  
The centre must send the renewal notice (RNE) and renewal consent form (RE) to patients before this date.