

Directions given under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)

Recording and providing information

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Renewal of consent to storage

1. Licensed centres must maintain a record relating to the renewal of consent to storage of gametes or embryos in accordance with paragraphs 11A and/or 11C of Schedule 3 of the 1990 Act, including:
 - (a) written requests to renew consent to storage of gametes and/or embryos;
 - (b) written consents to renew storage of gametes and/or embryos;
 - (b) any notification that a gamete provider has died;
 - (c) any notification that a gamete provider has been certified as lacking capacity to renew consent to storage;
 - (d) where notification under (c) above has been given, any notification that the gamete provider has since been certified as having capacity to renew consent to storage;
 - (e) Statutory Notices stating that if consent to storage is not renewed before the end of the renewal period, the gametes and/or embryos will be removed from storage and disposed of;
 - (f) Statutory Notices to both gamete providers stating that consent to the storage of embryos is taken as withdrawn.

2. Licensed centres must be able to produce copies of the documents referred to in paragraph 1(a) to (f) upon request from an HFEA employee.

Transfer of gametes and/or embryos to another licensed centre

3. When a licensed centre transfers gametes and/or embryos to another licensed centre:
- (a) the transferring centre must provide the receiving centre with copies of all relevant consent forms signed by patients and donors when their gametes and /or embryos were first placed in storage and any renewal consent forms signed by patients and donors;
 - (b) the receiving centre must satisfy itself that it has received all of the consent forms referred to in paragraph (a) above and must record the date(s) when the gametes and /or embryos were first placed in storage at the transferring centre.
4. A licensed centre referred to in 3(b) above, must be able to produce copies of the documents referred to upon request from an HFEA employee.

Consent to storage of embryos for training purposes

5. Licensed centres storing embryos for training purposes, but not for treatment purposes, must maintain a record of the date on which consent to storage for training purposes was given.

Storage of gametes or embryos for research purposes

6. Licensed centres storing gametes for research purposes must maintain a record of the date on which the gametes were first placed in storage.
7. Licensed centres storing embryos for research purposes, but not for treatment purposes, must maintain a record of the date when consent to storage for research purposes was given.



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