

HFEA NDG Notice

Notification pursuant to paragraph 11A(7) of Schedule 3 to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 that eggs or sperm will be removed from storage and disposed of if the patient does not renew consent to storage before the end of the renewal period

FROM:

Name and address of clinic keeping sperm or eggs in storage:

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TO:

Name and surname:

Address:

Email address:

DOB:

DATE OF NOTICE: 1

About this notice

We are writing to you in connection with the storage of your eggs or sperm at this clinic, and further to our previous correspondence to you on this issue (as outlined further below).

Please note that this is a formal statutory notice under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 ('the 1990 Act'), to let you know that your eggs or sperm stored with this clinic will be removed from storage and disposed of, if you do not renew your consent to storage before the end of the renewal period(s) given below.

Why have you received this notice?

On _____, we sent you a formal statutory notice requesting that you renew in writing your consent to the storage of eggs or sperm at this clinic ('the RNG Notice').

As set out in the RNG notice, the 1990 Act permits you to store eggs or sperm 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 eggs or sperm are first placed in storage. However, you need to renew your consent in writing to the storage of eggs or sperm for treatment every 10 years.

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

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

[¹ This notice must be sent as soon as possible after the end of the consent 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 eggs or sperm for treatment purposes at this clinic.

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

According to our records, the **consent period(s)** for the storage of your eggs or sperm at this clinic ended on the following date(s):

BOX A

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

BOX B

As of the date of this notice, our records show that you have not yet completed and returned the **'Renewal of consent to storage of your eggs or sperm for treatment'** (RG consent form) to renew your consent in writing to the storage of eggs or sperm for treatment.

Subject to the limited exceptions set out below, **if you do not renew your consent in writing by the earliest of the renewal period date(s) set out in box B, then by law, your consent is taken as withdrawn and we will be required to remove your eggs or sperm from storage on each of the date(s) set out in box B above and dispose of them.**

What should you do now?

If you would like to renew your consent to the storage of your eggs or sperm, you should first be provided with additional information and an offer of counselling (see below). Once you have received this, the form RG consent form must be completed and **returned to this clinic so that it is received by this clinic by the earliest of the renewal period date(s) set out in box B.**

If, after considering the information and the offer of counselling, you **do not** want to renew your consent to storage of your eggs or sperm for treatment, then please complete the relevant section of the RG 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 renewal period date(s) set out in box B.**

Additional information

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

1. The different options set out in the RG 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. An offer of proper counselling about the implications of treatment and storage.

You will need to consider this information before completing the RG 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.