

## BSW ICB Assisted Conception – Fertility checklist

Patient Name	NHS Number	GP and Surgery
Treatment requested:		

### Eligibility Criteria for In-Vitro Fertilisation Treatment

Ref	Feature	Criteria	Patient details
1	Age of woman at time of treatment of IVF / ICSI / IUI / DI	The age of the female partner should be after their 25 <sup>th</sup> birthday and commence no later than 18 weeks before the patients 40th birthday. If the woman reaches the age of 40 during treatment, complete the started treatment but do not offer anything further.	
2	Age of male partner	The age of the male partner must be before the 55th birthday.	
3	Previous infertility treatment	Individuals who have undergone three or more previous IVF/ICSI cycles either NHS or privately funded, in any relationship, will be ineligible for further NHS funding.	
4	Childlessness	Funding will be available to patients who do not have a living child from their current relationship and where either of the partners does not have a living child from a previous relationship (i.e., one of the partners may have a child, the other must not).  A child adopted by a patient or adopted in a previous relationship is considered to have the same status as a biological child.  Once a patient is accepted for treatment, they will no longer be eligible for treatment if a pregnancy leading to a live birth occurs or the patient adopts a child.	

5	Sterilization	Fertility treatment will not be available if the sub-fertility is a result of a sterilization procedure in either partner.	
6	Time period trying to conceive	All patients with unexplained fertility must have infertility of at least 2 years of ovulatory cycles, despite regular unprotected vaginal sexual intercourse with the partner seeking treatment.	
7	Body Mass Index	Women must have a BMI of between 19 and 30 inclusive for a period of 6 months prior to referral for treatment. Women must be informed of this criterion at the earliest opportunity and offered the support of local NHS services to optimise their BMI.  Men who have a BMI of 30 or over should be informed that they are likely to have reduced fertility.	
8	Smoking status	Both the male and female partner must be non-smoking for a minimum of 6 months prior to referral for treatment to assisted conception treatment.  They must be informed of this criterion at the earliest opportunity and, if relevant, offered the support of local NHS services to help them to stop smoking.  Non-smoking status should continue throughout treatment as confirmed by a CO reading of <6ppm.	Female Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Male Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
9	Drugs and Alcohol	Patients will be asked to give assurance that their alcohol intake is within Department of Health guidelines, and they are not using recreational drugs.  Any evidence to the contrary will result in either non-referral or the cessation of treatment.	Female Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
			Male Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
10	Same sex couples / individuals not in a partnership	Same sex couples will be required to demonstrate infertility prior to commencing any investigations in line with the policy for heterosexual couples.  Same sex couples must have undergone a minimum of self-funded 10 verified and documented cycles undertaken in a clinical setting of artificial insemination before being eligible to access NHS funded fertility assessment and treatment.  Couples are encouraged to maximise opportunities within these cycles by exploring the option of both partners undergoing artificial insemination. Where one partner is sub-fertile with fertility issues i.e., blocked fallopian tubes or anovulation, the partner who is fertile should try to conceive before	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>    Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

		<p>proceeding to interventions involving the sub-fertile partner.</p> <p>In line with the policy for heterosexual couples, same sex couples with unexplained infertility must wait a total of two years before becoming eligible for IVF treatment.</p>	
11	Surrogacy	BSW ICB will not commission any form of fertility treatment to those in surrogacy arrangements (i.e., the use of a third party to bear a child for another couple).	
12	Stable Relationship	All couples seeking NHS funded assisted reproduction services must have been in a stable relationship for a period of at least two years. This requirement supports the welfare of the child assessment as per HFEA Code of Practice.	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
13	Residency	<p>Both partners must be registered with a GP practice within the BSW ICB</p> <p>Where a patient moves during treatment, every effort should be made to ensure continuity of care.</p>	Female
			Male
			Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

*DI	Donor insemination
*ICSI	intracytoplasmic sperm injection
*IUI	Intrauterine insemination
*IVF	invitro fertilization
*HFEA	Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority