

South Central NHS funding

Fertility investigations and diagnostics are available on the NHS at Complete Fertility.

One NHS funded cycle of IVF / ICSI treatment is available to couples who live in Southampton, Hampshire, South Isle of Wight and Portsmouth based on the criteria set out below.

One cycle of IVF treatment is defined as one fresh cycle including ovulation induction, egg retrieval, fertilisation and implantation, and includes appropriate diagnostic tests, scans and pharmacological therapy.

The freezing and storage of viable embryos from NHS funded IVF will be funded for up to 3 years (or the female partner's 40th birthday if this is sooner) so that couples have the option to use stored embryos at a later stage if they choose. Sperm storage will be funded for post-pubertal males under the age of 55 years who are about to undergo medical treatment which is likely to result in long-term sub-fertility.

Criteria for NHS funded treatment at Complete Fertility

The female or couple must:

Comply with NICE Clinical Practice

And have gone through the primary and secondary care sub-fertility pathways appropriate to them before IVF is considered. See <http://guidance.nice.org.uk/CG156>

Have had infertility for over 3 years

The couple should have had no natural pregnancies or been using contraception within this timeframe. If a patient has been diagnosed with a cause of absolute permanent infertility and meets all other criteria, they will have immediate access to IVF.

The woman must be 34 years or younger at time of starting treatment

Never have received NHS funded IVF/ICSI treatment or have had more than 2 private cycles of IVF/ICSI

Women in same sex couples or women not in a partnership must be demonstrably sub-fertile (10 unsuccessful cycles of IUI as evidence of unexplained infertility).

Neither partner can have a living child (including adopted) from their relationship, or any previous relationship.

Not have been sterilised for either partner.

The female partner must have a BMI range between 19 and 29.9 for at least the last six months.

Both partners must be non-smokers for at least the last six months.

Other rules apply for couples outside this catchment area. Please contact us for more information about NHS funded treatment.