



## Assisted Conception – Patient Information

### Why are you being given this leaflet?

Your consultant or the fertility nurses have recommended that your best chance of having a baby is to undergo assisted conception. This means In vitro Fertilisation (IVF) or other specialist treatment such as Intra Cytoplasmic Sperm Injection (ICSI), Surgical Sperm Recovery (SSR), Intra Uterine Insemination (IUI). Your consultant or the fertility nurses are making this recommendation because of the scientific evidence set out in national guidelines [NICE guidelines] and these will be explained to you at your consultation.

### Who will fund the treatment?

If you meet the criteria for NHS funding the CCG will cover most of the costs involved. They do not cover add on investigations & tests which you may be offered on a fee for service basis by the assisted conception unit. You should also be aware that depending on your address and the address of your GP, eligibility for funding varies. Your consultant or the fertility nurses will explain this to you in the clinic. If you do not meet your local CCG funding criteria, you will have to pay for this yourself. The staff can give you information about private funding schemes that may help.

### Where can you have your Assisted Conception treatment?

Because the treatment involves multiple visits for specialist consultations, blood tests, ultrasound scans, complex prescribing of drugs & there are potential complications it is suggested you choose a unit that is easy for you to access. The following is a list of providers which are geographically close to the Great Western Hospital. All the units are approved by the Human Fertility Embryology Authority [HFEA] who regulate assisted conception treatment in the UK.

1. Bath Fertility [01761 434464]
2. The Bristol Centre for Reproductive Medicine (BCRM) [01174146888]
3. The Fertility Partnership (Oxford Fertility Unit) [01865782800]



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## Is there an IVF unit in Swindon?

No. The Great Western Hospital does not have an HFEA licence to provide assisted conception. However, we provide a satellite service\* that collaborates with the IVF centres. The satellite unit provides all the specialist treatment you will require except egg collection, embryo transfer, surgical sperm recovery & storage of embryos. These will be done at the IVF unit.

If you would like to be treated as a patient at the Swindon satellite unit the contact details are:

1. Swindon Fertility, Great Western Hospital, Marlborough Road, Swindon SN3 6BB

Tel: 01793 604936 [NHS **general enquires**]

2. Wiltshire Fertility Centre, Unit 14, Dorcan Business Village, Murdock Rd, Swindon SN3 5HY

Tel: 01793 646071 [NHS **nurse helpline**]

3. **Emergency contact** details

[out of hours for **IVF patients only** 07554516000]

## \*Conflict of interest statement.

The Wiltshire Fertility Centre (Swindon satellite in Dorcan) is a private company. Mr Jones & Sr Comley are directors of the company and other members of staff you will meet work privately for the company.

## Do I still have access to NHS care?

Yes, always. When you are initially referred for assisted conception the Consultant or nursing staff will give you a Patient Initiated Follow Up (PIFU) leaflet valid for 12 months. This will enable you access the NHS outpatient service if you need to.

If during your assisted conception treatment, you need surgery, or a specialist outpatient procedure you can use the PIFU process to book into an appropriate clinic or operating list after discussion with the team at The Great Western Hospital.

If you are unfortunate enough to have a complication during your treatment you will still be managed as an emergency patient by the NHS teams in Swindon. If you become pregnant as a result of your treatment you will have the same antenatal care as other NHS patients.



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If you do not become pregnant and you would like to be followed up to review your IVF treatment and consider your options, then please call 01793 604936 [NHS **general enquires:**] or 01793 646071 [NHS **nurse helpline**].

### What happens next?

Once you have had the opportunity to consider your options you should call 01793 604936 [NHS **general enquires**] or 01793 646071 [NHS **nurse helpline**] to let us know your choice. The team will then make the referral and arrange the funding certificate for you.



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From 1st January 2019 smoking will not be permitted on any NHS site in England. Smoking will not be permitted within any of our buildings or anywhere outside on our sites. Smoking facilities will not be provided. Please be considerate of others when vaping in hospital grounds.

**This information sheet is available to order in other languages and formats. If you would like a copy, please contact us on 01793 604031 or email [gwh.pals@nhs.net](mailto:gwh.pals@nhs.net)**

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