

**25 July 2017****Agenda Item: 4****REPORT OF THE CHAIRMAN OF HEALTH SCRUTINY COMMITTEE****IN-VITRO FERTILISATION – VARIATION OF SERVICE****Purpose of the Report**

1. To allow consideration by the Health Scrutiny Committee of the latest position in relation to the In-Vitro Fertilisation (IVF) Service commissioned by Mansfield & Ashfield and Newark & Sherwood CCG.

**Information and Advice**

2. During September 2016, Mansfield and Ashfield CCG and Newark and Sherwood CCG asked the public to help them to prioritise services for funding, as a result of this process, the public identified IVF as a low priority service. Further to this, the CCG ran a consultation exercise between 14<sup>th</sup> November 2016 and 13<sup>th</sup> January 2017. In this consultation, 47% of respondents agreed that the female age limit for IVF should be reduced from 42 years to 40 years, with 53 % disagreeing. In addition, 56% of respondents thought that an IVF limit for men should be developed, with 44% disagreeing.
3. Further to receiving the results of the consultation, the CCG decided that the age limit for women would be 25-34 (inclusive) and up to 40 for men, with these measures to be put in place by 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017.
4. Dr Amanda Sullivan, Chief Officer, Mansfield and Ashfield CCG and Newark and Sherwood CCG and Sally Dore Pathway Redesign Manager at NHS Arden & Greater East Midlands Commissioning Support Unit attended a meeting of the Health Scrutiny Committee on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2017 to explain to Members the outcomes of the consultation and the reasoning behind the decision making.
5. The Health Scrutiny Committee registered concern that the CCG had proceeded with an option that it had not consulted on, and after a formal vote on the issue recommended to the CCG that it consulted fully on the specific IVF service change it had proposed i.e. limiting eligibility criteria to 25-34 for women and an upper age limit for men of 40, and that the commissioners should reconsider the decision in the light of the new consultation results. The Health Scrutiny Committee's expectation being that there is careful consideration of this recommendation by the commissioners at board level.

6. Representatives of the CCG will attend the committee to brief Members on the latest position in relation to IVF.
7. Ultimately, Members will need to determine if this service change is in the interests of the local health service.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

That the Health Scrutiny Committee:

- 1) Consider and comment on the information provided IVF treatment consultation and decision making
- 2) Identify any requirements for further information

**Councillor Keith Girling**  
**Chairman of Health Scrutiny Committee**

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## **Background Papers**

IVF Decision document (Mansfield and Ashfield and Newark and Sherwood CCGs)

## **Electoral Division(s) and Member(s) Affected**

All