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Great Yarmouth and Waveney,
North Norfolk, South Norfolk
West Norfolk and Norwich*

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Norfolk and Waveney Clinical Policy Development Group

Clinical Threshold Policy

Title: Cryopreservation of sperm, oocytes and embryos in patients whose treatment poses a risk to their fertility

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Norfolk and Waveney CCGs will fund Cryopreservation sperm, oocytes and embryos in patients whose treatment poses a risk to their fertility if they meet the criteria as set out below

Criteria for funding:

1. Patients faced with infertility as a consequence of their treatment.

2. Duration:
 - a. Cryopreservation for fertility preservation for adults may be funded for **five years***

*It is expected that patients will complete their therapy and be ready to use the sperms, oocytes or embryos from the date of cryopreservation. If not, relevant clinical information should be submitted for extending the funding beyond five years

- b. Children and young people will be funded for an extended duration of storage up to the age of 23, plus **five years*** to their 28th birthday

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NOTE: If fertility is found to have returned, either through fertility testing or through conception and natural pregnancy, continued storage will not be funded.

Preservation of gametes should take place when there is a confirmed timetable for the start of the patient's gonadotoxic treatment

3. The applicant will be responsible for ensuring the storage provider has up to date contact details.

Policy Exclusions (the following are outside the scope of this policy):

- Cryopreservation of ovarian and testicular tissue.
- Individuals who have previously been sterilised.
- Embryo storage using donor sperm.

NB: The funding of cryopreservation does not automatically entitle people to funding for assisted conception. Applicants should be aware that they should also meet their local Norfolk and Waveney CCGs eligibility criteria for Specialist Fertility Services at the time of applying for IVF treatment.

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