

PE2020/E: Provide fertility treatment to single women

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On 29th April 2024 PHS presented the completed modelling to better understand the eligibility, demand and cost implications of any future expansion of NHS IVF treatment for single people, to the National Fertility Group. It was agreed at the meeting that there was further work to be done to better understand the capacity implications for the four assisted conception units and that this would require reconciling demand against capacity. We did not set a specific timescale at the meeting. It was agreed though that once this work was completed the National Fertility Group would then need to schedule time to properly discuss the modelling implications and consider whether they would support a criteria change recommendation in the medium to longer term as an aspiration when health budgets could support the increase in funding this would require.

Since then, on 17th September 2024, PHS provided a recap on the demand modelling that had been completed earlier in the year and also presented some further information on capacity and cost modelling. The outcome of the meeting was that the National Fertility Group would schedule time to consider next steps and if further work on capacity modelling was required of PHS then a further request would be made of PHS.