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Dear

**Re: Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

**Ref no: CAS-04679-V2L9T1-CC  
CAS-04679-V2L9T1-ES  
CAS-04679-V2L9T1-NS  
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Thank you for your correspondence dated 29 August 2019 making a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 for information which may be held by NHS Cannock Chase Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), NHS East Staffordshire CCG, NHS North Staffordshire CCG and NHS South East Staffordshire and Seisdon Peninsula CCG.

**You requested the following information and our response is detailed below and in the attached documents:**

1. Does the CCG fund IVF treatment?

**Yes**

2. If no, when did the CCG stop offering funding for IVF treatment?

**N/A**

3. What are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women under the age of 40 must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

**Please see the attached policies**

4. How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman under the age of 40 meets all of these criteria?

**Please see the attached policies**

5. What are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women aged 40 to 42 must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

**Please see the attached policies**

6. How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman aged 40 to 42 meets all of these criteria?

**Please see the attached policies**

7. Does the CCG fund IVF treatment for women over the age of 42? If so, what are the current criteria set out by the CCG that women must meet in order to successfully qualify for NHS-funded IVF treatment?

**Please see the attached policies**

8. How many full cycles of IVF will the CCG fund if a woman over the age of 42 meets all of these criteria?

**Please see the attached policies**

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Yours sincerely



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