

F-2012-00064 – Fertility treatment for women over 40

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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for the number of women over 40 who gave birth following HFEA licensable fertility treatment in the period 2001 to 2010.

HFEA response

This information can be found in the HFEA's Anonymised Register, published on the HFEA's website (see: <http://www.hfea.gov.uk/5874.html>). As this information is reasonably accessible via the HFEA website, it is exempt from disclosure under section 21 FOIA and your request is, accordingly, refused.

The anonymised register includes the most recent verified data that is stored in the HFEA's statutory register at the date of publication. Data sets for more recent periods will be added once these have been subjected to the HFEAs' verification procedures. Outcomes for treatments taking place up to 31 December 2010 have been subject to a verification process, and the centres that supplied the data have been asked to confirm their accuracy, for which they remain responsible. Please note that the information in our database may be subject to change as licensed centres notify us of information that updates or corrects information they have previously supplied. Cycles where the woman treated is under 18 or over 50 have not been included to protect confidentiality of the patients concerned.

A user guide to the anonymous Register is available on our website at:

http://www.hfea.gov.uk/docs/2010-04-26_Anonymised_Register_User_Guide_SN_DESIGN.pdf

Alternatively, quick access to general statistics about patient age can be found in the HFEA report 'Fertility treatment in 2010 - trends and figures' figures 21 and 22

(<http://www.hfea.gov.uk/6771.html>) and the HFEA 'Long-term trends in fertility treatment' publications (<http://www.hfea.gov.uk/fertility-treatment-trends.html>).