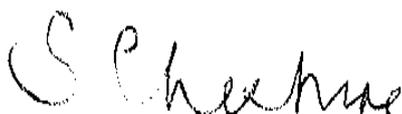


Directions given under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended)

Covid-19 Treatment Strategy

**Ref: 0014
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1. Licensed centres must create and maintain a written record of their Covid-19 Treatment Strategy.
2. Licensed centres are required to produce a copy of their Covid-19 Treatment Strategy upon request from an HFEA member or employee.
3. The Treatment Strategy must confirm that:
 - (a) that the PR has read and intends to comply with advice issued by the British Fertility Society and the Association of Reproductive and Clinical Scientists;
 - (b) that the centre has closed or will be closing (on what date) in respect of all physical attendance by those seeking treatment services (other than those patients referred to at (d) below);
 - (c) that the centre will have ceased all treatment services by 15 April 2020 at the latest;
 - (d) that after 15 April 2020, the clinic will only offer non-elective fertility preservation to patients who are, in the written opinion of a registered medical practitioner, likely to become prematurely infertile;
 - (e) that when the centre has closed for treatment services it has a skeleton staff available to ensure stored gametes and embryos are not put at risk;
 - (f) that the centre has put measures in place to keep patients informed of any changes to their treatment plans and the reason for these, as well as have adequate cover to support patients remotely who have concerns or require support.
4. Where clinics intend to remain open for any treatment services beyond Friday, 27 March 2020, the Treatment Strategy must include:
 - (a) confirmation of the maximum number of patients the clinic intends to treat in each of the following periods:
 - 28 March - 3 April
 - 4 April - 10 April
 - 11 April - 15 April
 - (b) the nature and basis of the treatments being provided