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Cais Rhyddid Gwybodaeth / Freedom of Information request **Ein Cyf / Our Ref: 22-I-033**

You asked:

For information in relation to fertility treatment for transgender patients.

Please note that Swansea Bay Health Board manages the Wales Fertility Institute which is an NHS facility and is split over two sites – Neath Port Talbot Hospital and the University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff: <https://www.thefertilityinstitute.co.uk/>

1. Which of these fertility treatments do you provide for your transgender patients?

- **Egg harvesting** - Yes
- **Cryopreservation of eggs** - Yes
(a) **How long do you offer cryopreservation of eggs for?** - 55 years
- **Extraction of sperm, both surgical and self-ejaculatory**
Yes (Surgical Sperm Removal, if medically required)
- **Cryopreservation of sperm** Yes
(a) **How long do you offer cryopreservation of sperm for?** - 55 years
- **IVF Embryo Treatment** - Yes, if patients meet Welsh Health Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC)* eligibility criteria for IVF
- **Embryo cryopreservation** - Yes
(a) **How long do you offer embryo cryopreservation for?** - 55 years
- **Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation** - Not currently offered by the Wales Fertility Institute (WFI) but referral can be made to specialist centre
(a) **How long do you offer cryopreservation of ovarian tissue for?** - Not applicable

*Please note that WHSSC are responsible for the joint planning of specialised and tertiary services on behalf of local Health Boards in Wales: <https://whssc.nhs.wales/>

2. What, if any, are the youngest ages of patients that are entitled to receive these treatments?

- **Egg harvesting patient** >16 years old
- **Egg cryopreservation** - as above
- **Sperm harvesting** - children who are going through puberty and are likely to be able to produce sperm



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- **Sperm cryopreservation** - as above
- **IVF Embryo Treatment** – age 20 and eligible for IVF
- **Embryo cryopreservation** - age 20 and eligible for IVF
- **Ovarian Tissue Extraction and Cryopreservation**
Not currently offered by the Wales Fertility Institute (WFI), however referral can be made to specialist centre

3. If you have answered no to any of the above questions, what is the “strong justification” that your Health Board has for not funding this fertility treatment?

Not applicable.

