

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/376

Subject: IVF Treatment Data

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Clarification received: In response to the clarification questions 7-13, I would like the data for both referrals for assessment for infertility AND applicants for prior approval of fertility treatment.</p>	
<p>1. How many applications for IVF treatment did BNSSG ICB and all GP practices in BNSSG receive between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025?</p>	<p>The initial applications for fertility assessment come from the GP to the Referral Service. The Fertility Clinic would then make the prior approval application to the Exceptional Funding Request (EFR) team.</p> <p>The EFR team received 225 prior approval applications for infertility treatment in this time period.</p>
<p>2. How many of these applicants received IVF treatment first cycle, second cycle and third cycle between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>
<p>3. Of the applicants between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025, how many had a BMI over 30? And how many of these applicants were successful in receiving IVF in first, second and third cycles?</p>	<p>The ICB does not record this data, we do not record the BMI specifically.</p>

<p>4. Of the applicants between April 1st 2024 and March 2025, how many had a BMI of 19 or less? And how many of these applicants were successful in receiving IVF in first, second and third cycles?</p>	<p>The ICB does not record this data, we do not record the BMI specifically.</p>
<p>5. Of all the IVF applicants between 1st April 2024 and 31st March 2025 what were the ethnicities of applicants?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>
<p>6. Which ethnicities were most successful in receiving IVF first, second and third cycles between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>
<p>7. Of all applicants between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025 what were was the average age of the applicants?</p>	<p>The average age of female applicant at time application received for prior approval applications for infertility treatment was 34.58</p>
<p>8. What age were the youngest and oldest applicants for IVF between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025?</p>	<p>The youngest age of female applicant at time application received for prior approval applications for infertility treatment was 25.59 Oldest age of female applicant at time application received for prior approval applications for infertility treatment was 42.37</p>
<p>9. How many of the applicants between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025 were over 40? How many over 40s were successful in receiving IVF in first, second and third cycles in these timeframes?</p>	<p>The number of patients is less than 5; therefore, they have not been included as this could potentially make the individuals identifiable.</p>
<p>10. What was the age of the highest percentage of successful applicants (prime age) between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025?</p>	<p>The average age of successful applicants for prior approval of infertility funding at the time of application was 34.57</p>

<p>11. Of the applicants between April 1st 2024 and March 31st 2025, how many of them were homosexual (same sex)?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>
<p>12. Of applicants that were successful in receiving IVF first, second and third rounds between April 1st 2024 and March 2025, how many were homosexual?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>
<p>13. What were the least and most common postcodes for people applying for IVF in these timeframes?</p>	<p>The most common postcode for patients applying for prior approval of infertility treatment was BS16.</p> <p>There were six postcodes that were joint least common postcode for patients applying for prior approval of infertility treatment. For each of these postcodes the number of applicants was less than 5 and, therefore, they have not been included as this could potentially make the individuals identifiable.</p>
<p>14. Of those that were successful in receiving IVF first, second and third cycles in these timeframes, which were the most frequent/ common postcodes and which were the postcodes of people who were least successful in receiving IVF in first, second and third cycles?</p>	<p>The ICB does not hold this information. This information may be held by individual clinics.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 12 February 2026 and has been approved for release by Rosi Shepherd, Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.