

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/117

Subject: Funding for Fertility Preservation / Egg Freezing

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE												
Could you please provide the following data regarding NHS-funded egg freezing and fertility preservation treatments within the care board over the last three available financial years or calendar years (which ever is easiest).													
Specifically, I would like to request:													
1. Total Number of Patients: The total number of patients who had egg freezing cycles funded by the NHS, broken down by year.	<table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Number</th></tr><tr><td>23-24</td><td><5</td></tr><tr><td>24-25</td><td><5</td></tr><tr><td>25-26</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Year	Number	23-24	<5	24-25	<5	25-26	5				
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2. Demographic Breakdown: Of those funded patients, the number who received funding under the category of gender-affirming care (transgender men and non-binary individuals) versus those who received funding for other medical reasons (such as oncology or other benign medical conditions affecting cisgender women).	<table><tr><th>Year</th><th>Gender Affirming Care</th><th>Other</th></tr><tr><td>23-24</td><td>0</td><td><5</td></tr><tr><td>24-25</td><td>0</td><td><5</td></tr><tr><td>25-26</td><td>0</td><td>5</td></tr></table>	Year	Gender Affirming Care	Other	23-24	0	<5	24-25	0	<5	25-26	0	5
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3. Total Financial Spend: The total financial expenditure by the organization on these funded fertility preservation cycles, broken down by year and, if possible, by the categories mentioned in question 2.	It is not possible to disaggregate spend on fertility preservation, as some providers submit consolidated invoices.				
4. Referral Success Rates: The total number of funding requests (Individual Funding Requests or standard pathway referrals) received for egg freezing for gender-affirming care versus other medical conditions, alongside the number of these requests that were approved and rejected.	Gender Affirming Care received		Other		
	Year	Received	Approved	Received	Approved
	Total 23-24, 24-25 and 25-26	22	<10	28	13
	The number of patients is less than 10; therefore they have not been included as this could potentially make the patients identifiable.				

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 16 July 2026 and has been approved for release by Denise Moorhouse, Deputy Chief Nursing Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.