

Reference: FOI.ICB-2627/228

Subject: Male fertility services

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

QUESTION	RESPONSE														
Please provide the following, for the calendar years: 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, and 2026 to date, unless stated otherwise. Please supply the data as a spreadsheet, Excel or CSV, rather than as a PDF															
1. Your current policy on NHS funded fertility treatment, including the number of IVF cycles funded per couple and the eligibility criteria applied.	https://bnssghealthiertogether.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Infertility-Assessment-Treatment-Policy-CBA-PA.pdf														
2. The number of NHS funded IVF cycles carried out each year, and the total NHS spend.	The ICB does not hold number funded IVF cycles carried out, however it can be found published online on the HFEA website: https://www.hfea.gov.uk/about-us/publications/research-and-data/ Spend on IVF by Financial Year <table> <tr> <th>Year</th><th>Spend</th></tr> <tr> <td>20/21</td><td>£631,615</td></tr> <tr> <td>21/22</td><td>£705,328</td></tr> <tr> <td>22/23</td><td>£718,811</td></tr> <tr> <td>23/24</td><td>£899,488</td></tr> <tr> <td>24/25</td><td>£713,615</td></tr> <tr> <td>25/26</td><td>£774,415</td></tr> </table>	Year	Spend	20/21	£631,615	21/22	£705,328	22/23	£718,811	23/24	£899,488	24/25	£713,615	25/26	£774,415
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3. The number of semen analyses carried out in each year, and the median wait in days from GP referral to result.	The ICB does not hold this data
4. Whether you commission a dedicated male fertility service or male pathway, and the number of men referred to a urologist or andrologist for fertility investigation in each year.	The pathway is published online: https://remedy.bnssg.icb.nhs.uk/adults/fertility/infertility/ The ICB does not hold the data relating to the number of men referred to a urologist or andrologist for fertility investigation in each year.
5. The median wait in days from GP referral to first fertility clinic appointment.	The ICB does not hold this data that shows the median wait time to specifically fertility clinics. There are multiple pathways and services available across multiple providers – these are described on our Remedy pages Home (Remedy BNSSG ICB)
6. The size of the urology waiting list in each year, with the number of individuals waiting over 18 weeks for an appointment with a urology department, and the number waiting over 52 weeks, by trust or region.	The size of the urology waiting list changes on a daily basis, as does the number waiting over specific wait time thresholds. As such we are unable to provide the information in the way requested. However, we can offer the latest data (representing data position on 30th August 2026), which shows the following for Urology Services. To note Urology Services in BNSSG (Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire) are provided by Bristol NHS Foundation Trust (BFT) and 2x Independent Sector Providers commissioned by BNSSG ICB to provide NHS services for NHS Patients: BNSSG Patients: Total waiting list = 4,977 of which 1,131 are in the wait band bracket 18-51 weeks and 1 in the wait band bracket over 52 weeks. All Patients (including BNSSG patients listed above and patients living outside of BNSSG – noting that patient choice applies to these services and that BFT also provides Regional/Tertiary Urology Services):

	Total waiting list = 6,252 of which 1,507 are in the wait band bracket 18-51 weeks and 1 in the wait band bracket over 52 weeks See also, urology waiting list data by commissioner, provider and region published here: Statistics » Referral to Treatment (RTT) Waiting Times - the December Incomplete files will hold the end of calendar year data.
7. The number of established consultant urologist posts, the number vacant, and the total spend on locum cover in each year.	The ICB does not hold this data. We advise contacting the providers directly.
8. Where held, please break each figure down by age band (under 30, 31-35, 36-40, 41-45, 46 to 54, 55 to 64, 65 to 74, and 75 and over), by ethnicity, and by index of multiple deprivation decile. If any breakdown is not recorded, please say so.	The ICB does not hold this data broken down by age, ethnicity or IMD. However, it is published online on the HFEA website - https://www.hfea.gov.uk/about-us/publications/research-and-data/

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 10 September 2026 and has been approved for release by Caroline Dawe, Director of Strategic Commissioning - Value and Delivery for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.