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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to IVF treatment.

Please can you tell me the duration of time couples with unexplained fertility should be having regular unprotected sexual intercourse and attempting to conceive before IVF treatment will be offered?

The NICE guidelines say 2 years under 35 and one year over 35. The CCGs all have different criteria, ranging from 1-3 years and some do and others do not take age into consideration.

Please note that Maidstone & Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust does not carry out IVF treatment. Patients are referred to alternative contracted hospitals.