Dear 

Further to your request for information dated 10 November 2017 the information requested is below

1. How many cycles of IVF has the authority funded in each of the financial years:
   (a) 2014/15 - 54
   (b) 2015/16 - 89
   (c) 2016/17 - 75

2. What was the total amount paid by the authority in each of these years to providers in payment for IVF services?
   (a) 2014/15 - £110,260
   (b) 2015/16 - £270,080
   (c) 2016/17 - £255,425

3. How many of the cycles stated in each year in answer to question 1 above were provided by NHS providers, and how many were provided by private or third sector providers?
   (a) 2014/15 NHS – 33, private 21
   (b) 2015/16 NHS – 67, private 22
   (c) 2016/17 NHS – 63, private 12

All IVF cycles are provided by private or third sector providers.

4. Are individuals for whom the authority funds IVF services given any choice of provider? For example, does the authority procure a list of qualified providers and allow individuals eligible for IVF to choose from...
this list, or does the authority require individuals to use a provider nominated by the authority?

All patients have full choice of providers who are able to provide this service.

5. How, if at all have the authorities funding criteria for IVF services changed between the financial year 2014/15 and 01/11/2017. For example
   a. Has the number of cycles funded changed (if so, from what to what)
   b. Has the minimum age changed (if so, from what to what)
   c. Has the maximum age changed (if so, from what to what)
   d. Has the time trying to conceive criteria changed (if so, from what to what)
   e. Have criteria relating to previous children changed (if so, from what to what)
   f. Have any other criteria changed or been introduced in this period, eg BMI

The criteria for IVVF are as per the Referral and Treatment criteria and require prior approval. These have not been changed recently. However, they are currently under review across Kent & Medway.

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