



North East London

Suspension of Homerton Healthcare Fertility Service

May 2024

Dear colleagues,

As you know Homerton Fertility Centre has had its license suspension extended until August 2024, to enable current investigations to continue, and any improvements identified be implemented. As a result, the centre is unable to carry out any licensed treatments during this period.

We are very aware of the concern this is causing to patients as this inevitably means delay to treatment. However, please be assured that both the Trust and Commissioners are working together to continue supporting our patients during this challenging time.

The patients referred to the Homerton Fertility unit have all been reviewed and the vast majority are patients who will be transferred to another organisation to continue treatment. This will be done using a provider-to-provider transfer process.

However, there is a group of patients who were booked for a first appointment at Homerton Fertility unit but were not seen as the unit had to close before they had their appointment. This group represents a cohort who have not been seen and who are currently awaiting a new consultation. We have agreed with commissioners that these should be referred to their GP to start their new journey.

We do appreciate that this will be additional work for Primary Care, in a sensitive situation and want to thank you for supporting our system in this way.

The total number in this cohort (~120) is around 15% of the total number of patients, with a split of 24% being North Central London ICB patients and the rest North East London ICB patients.

Homerton Healthcare will write to individual patients in this situation, instructing them to contact their GP for referral to a new provider. Homerton will also be writing to relevant GPs, advising them of any patients in this cohort.

Patients may choose any other NHS-commissioned provider to receive fertility treatment. We are working with other providers to manage capacity across the north east London system and ensure patients are treated in a timely manner.

Below is the list of other Trusts that patients across north east London have traditionally used:

- [Barts Health NHS Trust](#)
- [Queen's Hospital, BHRUT](#) (satellite to King's College Hospital)
- [Guys Fertility at Guy's and St Thomas' NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [King's Fertility at King's College Hospital NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [The Fertility Centre at Chelsea and Westminster NHS Foundation Trust](#)
- [St Mary's Hospital at Imperial College Healthcare NHS Trust](#)
- [University College London Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust](#)

If patients would like advice about which provider to be referred to, the [HFEA website](#) may be helpful.

If you have any issues or questions, please contact: nelondonicb.fertility@nhs.net

Many thanks



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