

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR YOUR ATTENTION REGARDING NEW STORAGE LAWS-July 2022.

Please note that on 1 July 2022 legislation governing the storage of gametes and embryos in the UK changed. The [Health and Care Act 2022](#) introduced amendments to the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (HFEA) Act 1990 (the 1990 Act) changing the current 10 year statutory storage limit.

These changes enable patients to consent to embryos being stored for treatment purposes for up to a maximum of 55 years; gametes can be stored for up to 55 years for treatment, research or training purposes, and embryos and human admixed embryos can be stored for research or training purposes for up to 10 years. There are also new provisions relating to storage for posthumous use and in the event of mental incapacity. This will be explained to you by clinical staff within the Department. However, we strongly advise you to read the consent forms and any attached information links. Please see <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/about-us/news-and-press-releases/2022-news-and-press-releases/new-law-comes-into-force-giving-greater-flexibility-for-fertility-patients/> for further information.

Patients can renew their consent to store their gametes or embryos for use in their own treatment for a maximum of 55 years, **but only if they 'renew' their consent to storage**, and this must take place within 10 years of first storage and at each successive 10-year period.

Donors storing gametes or embryos can give consent to storage for 55 years and are **not** required to renew their consent.

Patients will be contacted by the Department of Reproductive medicine **at least 12 months before your current consent expires** with a copy of the relevant HFEA statutory notice to ask if they wish to renew their consent for a further 10 years (or less). Consent can only be renewed if you contact us to complete the new HFEA renewal forms in line with contact details within the letter sent to you by the Department.

- [RG - Renewal of consent to storage of your eggs or sperm for treatment](#)
[RE - Renewal of consent to storage of your embryos for treatment](#)

New Statutory Notices

- RNG - Request to renew consent to storage of eggs or sperm within the renewal period <https://portal.hfea.gov.uk/media/ns3fnvuk/2022-07-01-rng-statutory-notice-request-to-renew-consent-to-storage-of-eggs-or-sperm-within-the-renewal-period.pdf>
- RNE - Request to renew consent to storage of embryos within the renewal period <https://portal.hfea.gov.uk/media/wk5o0ypt/2022-07-01-rne-statutory-notice-request-to-renew-consent-to-storage-of-embryos-within-the-renewal-period.pdf>

- NDG - Notification that eggs, or sperm will be removed from storage and disposed of if the patient does not renew consent to storage before the end of the renewal period <https://portal.hfea.gov.uk/media/yibjogj2/2022-07-01-ndg-statutory-notice-notification-that-eggs-or-sperm-will-be-removed-from-storage.pdf>
- NDE - Notification that embryo(s) may be removed from storage and disposed of if patients do not renew their consent to storage before the end of the renewal period <https://portal.hfea.gov.uk/media/s5ylbdek/2022-07-01-nde-statutory-notice-notification-that-embryos-may-be-removed-from-storage.pdf>
- NWC - Notification to each person whose eggs or sperm were used to create embryo(s) that consent to storage has been withdrawn <https://portal.hfea.gov.uk/media/gncnlumr/2022-07-01-nwc-statutory-notice-notification-to-each-person-whose-eggs-or-sperm-were-used-to-create-embryos.pdf>

If you do not receive this information at least 12 months prior to when you know your embryos, sperm or eggs are due to expire please contact the Department on **0161 276 6240/6964** or via email: hfeaconsents.enquires@mft.nhs.uk

If you are contacted with this information and you do not reply this may mean that we cannot legally continue to store your sperm, eggs, or embryos.

If you wish to withdraw or alter your consent at any time during your consented storage period, please contact the Department on **0161 276 6240/6964** or via email: hfeaconsents.enquires@mft.nhs.uk

If you wish to access counselling to discuss anything regarding the implications of the information above and before making your decision our website contains information about how you can access counselling <https://mft.nhs.uk/saint-marys/services/gynaecology/reproductive-medicine/> or please contact **0161 276 6240/6964** or via email: hfeaconsents.enquires@mft.nhs.uk

Updated consent forms

Please note: HFEA have updated their consent forms and **even if** you have already completed consent forms you will be asked to complete the new forms which have been introduced as per below (for information only).

Treatment and storage forms

[MT - Your consent to your sperm and embryos created outside the body using your sperm being used in treatment \(IVF and ICSI\) or stored](#)

[WT - Your consent to your eggs and embryos created using your eggs being used in treatment \(IVF and ICSI\) or stored](#)

[WPT - Your consent to providing eggs or embryos created with your eggs for your partner's treatment](#)

[MGI - Your consent to the use of your sperm in artificial insemination](#)

[WGI - Your consent to the use of your eggs in GIFT](#)

[GS - Your consent to the storage of your eggs or sperm](#)

**PLEASE DO NOT COMPLETE ANY OF THESE FORMS FROM THESE LINKS
THIS IS FOR INFORMATION ONLY.**