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Dear Keely Bisby,

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT**

I am writing concerning your request for information under the terms of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. On behalf of NHS Tameside and Glossop Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) I can confirm the following in response to your request.

**We were referred by Tameside Hospital for IVF treatment and have our first booked appointment with St Mary's in 8 weeks. However when we were initially being referred our GP told us that it is a possibility that Tameside will be cutting the funding for IVF from the original 3 rounds.**

**I'd like to request some clarity on the matter as no one can seem to tell us at what point during this journey the funding is approved.**

**Due to the fact we have already been referred, are we safe presuming we will qualify for the full 3 rounds? Given the waiting times and time frame we have been given we are keen to have some definite answers.**

**We would appreciate if you could tell us if and when a public consultation for this matter will start and for how long.**

The NHS Tameside and Glossop CCG Assisted Conception policy is available on our website [www.tamesideandglossopccg.org](http://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org). The particular policy can be accessed through the Your Health page under the Effective Use of Resources section or by using the following link <https://gmeurnhs.co.uk/Docs/CCG%20TandG/TandG%20Assisted%20Conception%20Policy.pdf>

When authorisation is given for assisted conception funding the policy that is applied will be the one in place at the time of authorisation. Any changes to policy will only be applied to new requests for authorisation. If an individual received authorisation under the current policy - Version: 2.1 (22 January 2019) the number of funded cycles will be as specified in section 1.13 according to their personal circumstances.

At this time there are no plans to review the number of cycles funded through the policy and if that position should change the policy would only be revised following a public consultation and a decision by the Tameside and Glossop Strategic Board. The dates of the meetings and links to the meeting papers can be found: [www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/corporate/strategiccommissioning-board](http://www.tamesideandglossopccg.org/corporate/strategiccommissioning-board)

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Yours sincerely,

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