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1. The service will provide information, support and advice to people with issues about fertility. Contact can be made via telephone, email, website and direct contact.
2. The service will provide support to individuals who wish to discuss their fertility concerns with an experienced adviser in a confidential manner. The adviser will have knowledge of a range of interventions and services available in Northern Ireland (statutory, not-for-profit and voluntary sector) and will direct individuals to the appropriate relevant services. In doing so the provider will ensure people are aware of the information about infertility and sub-fertility issues and services that can be accessed at www.hfea.gov.uk
3. The provider will facilitate organised support groups providing opportunities for people to engage with others with similar needs and experiences in an informal setting for mutual help and support. The support groups will be co-ordinated and attended by a facilitator with knowledge and experience of assisted conception and fertility issues. The support groups will be located so as to maximise accessibility across NI.
4. The topics of discussion at the support groups should include information about fertility services, assisted reproduction, pre-conception care, lifestyle issue and fertility and options following infertility treatment in Northern Ireland.
5. An annual newsletter will be prepared and issued to GPs and those other agencies who may refer patients to fertility services.
6. The Provider will supply information, advice and peer support for people who have successfully used **fertility treatment, surrogacy, adoption or fostering to become parents.**