

List of preferred IVF providers:

IVI Midland Fertility <https://www.ivi.uk/clinics/midland/>

Ventura Park Road, Tamworth, B78 3HL, 0333 0159774

BMI <https://www.bmihealthcare.co.uk/hospitals/bmi-the-priory-hospital/priory-fertility-centre> BMI The Priory Hospital, Priory Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, B5 7UG, 0121 446 1501

Care fertility <https://www.carefertility.com/>

Birmingham 0121 455 9334, Northampton 01604 601 606, Nottingham 0115 852 8100

Manchester fertility <https://www.manchesterfertility.com/>

Amelia House, 3 Oakwood Square, Cheadle Royal Business Park, Cheshire SK8 3FS, 0161 300 2730

Nurture fertility <http://www.nurturefertility.co.uk/>

Nottingham, 0115 896 1900, Burton on Trent 01283 246390

University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire

<https://www.uhcw.nhs.uk/ivf> Centre for Reproductive Medicine, University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire NHS Trust, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry, CV2 2DX, 024 76 96 8879

Your guide to choosing a fertility centre

The aim of this leaflet is to provide you with some useful information and links to enable you to choose which fertility centre you wish to receive your fertility treatment from.

If you're having problems getting pregnant, see your GP. They will look at your medical history and give you a physical examination. They may also recommend some lifestyle changes to help fertility, which you can also find online <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Infertility/Pages/Prevention>

You will usually only be considered for infertility investigations and treatment if you've been trying for a baby for at least one year without becoming pregnant. If appropriate, your GP can refer you to a fertility specialist at an NHS hospital or fertility clinic.

The specialist will ask about your fertility history, and may carry out a physical examination. Women may have tests to check the levels of hormones in their blood and how well their ovaries are working. Men may be asked for a semen sample to test sperm quality.

If vitro fertilisation (IVF) is the best treatment for you, the specialist will refer you to an assisted conception unit of your choice. Patients registered with a South Staffordshire General Practitioner, who meet the eligibility criteria for assisted conception and whose clinical teams have confirmed require assisted conception services, will be offered a choice of up to six providers whom they can receive treatment from.

Your gynaecologist will review your case against our assisted conception policy prior to referral to ensure you are eligible for NHS funding. You can view a copy of this policy on any of the CCG's websites such as:

<http://sesandspccg.nhs.uk/news-and-information/publications/policy-and-procedures/clinical/356-assisted-conception-policy>

South Staffordshire CCGs have selected six assisted conception centres, as they meet our standard specification and quality requirements. The CCGs therefore endorse all six of these centres. Patients can choose to go elsewhere, however these centres will need to agree to our access criteria and service charges before the referral will be accepted.

When choosing your assisted conception centre there are a number of factors you may wish to consider. Further information is provided on The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) website <http://www.hfea.gov.uk>

You can use the HFEA "Choose a Fertility Clinic" service to find the clinic that's right for you. If you're an NHS patient, use it to research the clinic you'll be having treatment at. If you're currently receiving, or have recently had treatment, they also want to hear your thoughts. <https://www.hfea.gov.uk/choose-a-clinic/clinic-search/>

It is important to understand you may be required to make frequent visits to your chosen centre, so it must be one to which you are prepared and able to travel. It should be convenient to reach from both your home and as appointments may be scheduled during working hours.