What should I do if I need to self-fund my care?

You have a choice in the provider of care

If you would like to get more information about Cambridge IVF then give us a call or come along to one of our information evenings. These sessions are free and are open to couples and individuals wanting to find out more about their options at Cambridge IVF.

Further information

- Further information can be found on our website at [www.cambridge-ivf.org.uk](http://www.cambridge-ivf.org.uk)
- For more information about the Rosie Hospital visit [www.cuh.nhs.uk/rosie-hospital](http://www.cuh.nhs.uk/rosie-hospital)
Introduction

Around one in every seven couples will need help to have a child. In addition, many same-sex couples and single women will also seek fertility treatment to start or complete their family.

Possible treatments:

- IUI (intra-uterine insemination)
- IVF (in-vitro fertilisation)
- ICSI (intracytoplasmic sperm injection)

Until recently, the local Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) funded IVF and ICSI treatment paid for by the NHS.

Since 2011, Addenbrooke’s Hospital fertility clinic Cambridge IVF have been offering both NHS and self-funded care pathways to patients requiring fertility treatment. The expert team at Cambridge IVF are all NHS employees working alongside their colleagues at Addenbrooke’s and the Rosie Hospitals to give you the very best levels of joined up care.

On 5th September, Cambridge and Peterborough CCG announced their decision to withdraw NHS funding for IVF and ICSI treatment. This means that people who have not yet been referred for fertility treatment will have to pay for their care.

What options are available to people having difficulties starting a family or actively seeking fertility treatment?

There are two options available to people who want to fund their own care. You can choose to pay privately with a private company or you can self-fund care within the NHS.

The difference between the two:

- If you choose to pay for private care, you pay the private fertility clinic, they deliver the treatment and they keep the profit
- If you choose to self-fund NHS care, the money you pay is recycled into the local NHS economy and contributes towards the maintenance and expansion of other essential treatment and services such as, special care baby units and birthing rooms at the Rosie Maternity Hospital

Does the standard of care differ between private providers and NHS self-funded care?

Cambridge IVF is your local NHS fertility clinic and our success rates are comparable with the rates you would receive from other clinics locally or nationally.

We have invested in our services where it matters:

- In a welcoming and comfortable environment
- In an experienced team who plan and guide your treatment, involving you every step of the way
- In the laboratory and patient facilities to give you the best possible chance of starting or growing your family

We are the only clinic in the area that are able to offer you access to the EmbryoScope™, the market leading time-lapse embryo culture system offering improved embryo selection and chance of pregnancy. We also offer other market leading techniques such as EmbryoGlue and Endometrial Scratch.

What are the other benefits of self-funding your treatment within the NHS?

As a renowned teaching hospital, all treatments you receive at Addenbrooke’s, the Rosie or Cambridge IVF are safe, effective and based on published evidence. We do not offer any add-on therapies that can be expensive and possibly unproven. We are NHS specialists working for you and we can offer one joined up care pathway from pre-conception to post delivery within the same NHS team.

We are an NHS facility, and because of this our focus is on making you a healthy baby rather than making money. Our treatment packages are designed to be as inclusive and affordable as possible.