

Press Release

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Cambridge IVF now offering fertility support to more families

A leading fertility clinic has expanded to offer services to more patients.

Cambridge IVF, which is part of Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH), has been selected by Herts and West Essex Clinical Commissioning Groups to serve their areas.

Under this new contract clinically eligible patients from Herts and West Essex CCGs will be entitled to one cycle of IVF and if that is unsuccessful they will be entitled to one frozen embryo transfer.

Cambridge IVF combines experienced clinicians, nurses and scientists with the latest novel techniques and systems to increase the chances of treatment ending in a successful pregnancy for everyone.

Using a special incubator called an EmbryoScope, the Embryologists at Cambridge IVF are able to monitor embryo development via time lapse videography which takes an image of each embryo every 10 minutes without needing to remove them from the incubator.

The team also use a special substance called EmbryoGlue during embryo transfer coupled with 3D diagnostic scanning to monitor follicular development and further optimise the embryo transfer process.

Consultant embryologist, Stephen Harbottle, said: “Given that NHS funded patients in Herts and West Essex now have two opportunities to achieve a pregnancy, it is absolutely essential that we maximise the odds of that treatment being successful. By providing direct access to world leading technology to all of our patients we are doing everything we can to help them complete their journey to parenthood.”

Learn more about Cambridge IVF at <https://www.cambridge-ivf.org.uk/>

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Notes to Editors: Two pictures are attached of Stephen Harbottle in JPEG format.



About Cambridge University Hospitals

Cambridge University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust (CUH) is one of the largest and best known trusts in the country, delivering high-quality patient care through Addenbrooke's and the Rosie Hospitals. CUH is a leading national centre for specialist treatment for rare or complex conditions and a university teaching hospital with a worldwide reputation.

CUH is a key partner in Cambridge University Health Partners (CUHP), one of only six academic health science centres in the UK, and is at the heart of the development of the Cambridge Biomedical Campus (CBC), which brings together on one site world-class biomedical research, patient care and education. As part of the Campus development, Papworth Hospital has created a bespoke, purpose-built hospital, and AstraZeneca is building a new global R&D centre and corporate headquarters. The Campus is one of the Government's National Institute for Health Research (NIHR) comprehensive biomedical research centres.

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