

**Appendix G:  
Service Changes**

**In vitro fertilisation (IVF)  
A proposal as part of the 'let's talk' consultation programme**

<b>Organisation</b>	East and North Hertfordshire CCG Herts Valleys CCG West Essex CCG
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<b>Description of service variation</b>	<p>Each CCG listed above is considering whether IVF (in vitro fertilisation) and associated specialist fertility treatments should continue to be funded by the local NHS, or should be reduced or stopped altogether.</p> <p>Each CCG currently funds IVF and specialist fertility treatment to different levels and so respondents to the consultation will only be asked to comment on the proposals relevant to their CCG.</p>
<b>Reasons for service variation i.e. Case for Change</b>	<p>IVF is only successful in between 20-35% of cases according to NICE fertility guidance.</p> <p>The CCGs need to balance the funding for this treatment with the other services and treatments we offer.</p>

	All three CCGs are part of a bigger collective purchasing arrangement which means that we already secure specialist fertility services as cheaply as we can. However, if no changes are made to existing IVF and specialist fertility services, each CCG would need to look to other areas of healthcare in order to make the savings needed.
<b>Impact on the Wider Community</b> <i>(e.g. transport, accessibility)</i>	
<b>Number of Patients/Carers Affected</b>	Around 500-600 patients registered with GPs in Hertfordshire and west Essex are given NHS funding for IVF and specialist fertility treatment every year.
<b>Changes in Methods of Service Delivery</b>	If a decision is made to stop funding IVF and specialist fertility treatment services altogether, this would mean that once the new policy takes effect, people in Hertfordshire and west Essex would no longer be referred for IVF and specialist fertility treatments through the NHS. Exceptional cases would be given consideration.
<b>Impact on other Services</b> <i>(e.g. health, social care, voluntary sector)</i>	There may be an increase in people with infertility needing support from mental health services.
<b>Impact on different communities</b> <i>(e.g. age, gender, locality)</i>	Please see equality assessment. Links to go live 8 July: <a href="http://www.healthierfuture.org.uk/ivf">www.healthierfuture.org.uk/ivf</a>
<b>Date due at Health &amp; Wellbeing Board</b>	Herts Valleys financial turnaround plans discussed at HWBB 19 May 2017 Programme as a whole presented at HWBB conference 30 June
<b>Proposed Engagement</b>	This is one of the proposals that form part of the major 'let's talk consultation programme that both CCGs are conducting over the summer months.