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Dear Member

KENT AND MEDWAY NHS JOINT OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE - FRIDAY, 12 OCTOBER 2018

I am now able to enclose, for consideration at next Friday, 12 October 2018 meeting of the Kent and Medway NHS Joint Overview and Scrutiny Committee, the following report for Item 7, Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) Policy Review which was unavailable when the agenda was printed: East Kent CCGs' Position Statement (pages 3 – 4)

Yours sincerely

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East Kent CCGs' position statement on the Kent and Medway Assistive Reproductive Technologies (ART) policy review.

Inclusion of the use of donated genetic material

All four east Kent CCGs have supported the policy review to establish whether the use of donated genetic material should be introduced into the schedule of policies for ART in Kent and Medway. The CCGs recognise that this review is required to ensure that policies are compliant with legislation such as the Equality Act 2010.

Number of IVF Cycles for eligible patients

The four east Kent CCGs have not supported the review of the number of in vitro fertilisation (IVF) cycles that eligible patients can access in Kent and Medway. The reason for this decision is that in east Kent the CCGs are about to embark on a major public consultation on the reconfiguration of hospital services. This will require substantial clinical and managerial leadership, and a clear focus. The outcome of the consultation will inform the future direction of all NHS services in east Kent.

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