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Dear Ed

I am writing with regards to the recent announcement from West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and Ipswich and East Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group to consult upon proposals to reduce the number of NHS-funded in vitro fertilization (IVF) cycles offered from two, to either one cycle or to stop offering treatment.

This announcement will bring concern to patients currently or due to undergo IVF treatment within the local area. Therefore, I would like assurances to the following points:

- a) What measures are being taken to secure the interests of patients currently undergoing or due to undergo a round of IVF treatment?;
- b) What measures, depending on the outcome of the consultation process, will be taken for patients due to have or undergoing a round of IVF treatment?;
- c) What, impact will the decisions taken by other East Anglian CCGs regarding the provision of IVF treatment have on the decision of West Suffolk CCG and Ipswich and East Suffolk CCG?

It is essential clinical commissioning groups are open and honest about the provisions made available to local areas. However, it is also a priority of CCGs across the country, to manage the health and wellbeing of patients. I therefore welcome this consultation which gives patients a chance to raise their views on the



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running of their local NHS services. I look forward to the outcome of the consultation, which closes on 5<sup>th</sup> September.

Further to my enquiries regarding local health services in the West Suffolk area, I would welcome a copy of the minutes from the latest Annual General Meeting of NHS West Suffolk Clinical Commissioning Group held on 27<sup>th</sup> July 2016.

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Churchill MP

Ed - good to chat just now & I look forward to receiving the results of the consultation in due course.

Kind regards