



Derby and Derbyshire

Help shape the way fertility services are delivered

NHS organisations in the East Midlands are currently reviewing how people can access fertility treatments. The aim is to create a fairer approach to fertility treatment across the region.

This is your opportunity to share your thoughts and help shape the future of fertility services in the East Midlands to ensure that our population's needs are met.

Complete our Survey

Help us shape the future of fertility services by filling in our **survey**. Scan the code or visit this link:

www.surveymonkey.com/r/FertilityPolicy

The survey closes on 10 January 2025.

Find more information on:

derbyshireinvolvement.co.uk/fertilityreview



Want a paper copy of the survey?

If you would like a paper version of the survey or have any other accessibility needs, please email us at ddicb.enquiries@nhs.net or leave a voicemail on 01332 981 601, and we will call you back.

An Opportunity to Get Involved - East Midlands Fertility Policy Review

Over the next 2 months NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board will be engaging with residents of the East Midlands region, to give them the opportunity to feedback on suggested proposals for an East Midlands Fertility Policy. A 'Fertility Policy'

outlines the treatment an individual can receive from the NHS in the area they live in if they are struggling to get pregnant.

At the moment, there are differences in Fertility Policies across the East Midlands Region (which includes Derby and Derbyshire) these differences relate to things such as a person's age, their [BMI](#) (a calculation to determine if someone's weight is healthy, e.g. someone might be under or over weight) and the number of cycles of NHS funded treatment available. There are also different access criteria for same-sex couples, those with children from previous relationships, and single individuals.

This review of fertility treatment, suggests that NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board should create a shared Fertility Policy for the East Midlands region, this will mean that everyone gets access to Fertility treatment using the same criteria. The proposed changes are detailed on pages 5 – 7 of the '[Case for Change](#)' document.

The feedback gathered from this engagement will be collated and fed into the development of the final East Midlands Fertility Policy. To find out how feedback has influenced the policy keep an eye out for updates on the [Online Engagement Platform](#).

How can you get involved:

- The main way in which you can feed in your thoughts is to fill out the survey. [This can be found here](#). Paper copies of this survey can be provided, or provide it in different formats on request.
- You can attend one of the focus groups, date, time, venue, and booking instructions can be found [here](#). If you require assistance booking on to one of the focus groups please contact ddicb.engagement@nhs.net. Further focus groups will be set up if there is a demand for them. Currently there are only dates for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire focus groups.
- You can request that NHS Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board come and speak to your group. You can make a request by contacting the Engagement Team ddicb.engagement@nhs.net
- You can send in feedback by email, or share an experience that you feel is relevant. Please send to ddicb.engagement@nhs.net.
- You can request someone give you a call, so you can give your feedback over the phone. To do this please ring 01332 981 601. You will be asked to leave a message, and we will get back to you.

- You can keep updated on progress with the engagement, how feedback has been used, and the development of the policy through the Online Engagement Platform [here](#).

The closing date for the receipt of feedback, and completion of the survey is the 10th January 2025.

If you feel you need support due to a fertility issue, you can find support here:

- High Peak Soul Sisters
– <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=61552772338824> Email soulsistersbuxton@gmail.com.
- Fertility Network Support Line - [Fertility Network | Support Line | Fertility Network](#)
- Fertility Alliance - [Supporting You – The Fertility Alliance](#)