

Health in Hackney Scrutiny Commission 20th March 2024 Homerton Fertility Centre - suspension of licence	Item No 4
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PURPOSE

To receive a verbal update from the Chief Executive of Homerton Healthcare to the suspension of the licence of the Homerton's fertility centre.

OUTLINE

On 8 March 2024 Homerton Healthcare announced that the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority which governs the running of fertility units in England has suspended the licence of Homerton's fertility centre. This means that the centre will not be able to accept any new bookings for treatment. However, existing patients can still access their services.

Attached in the letter which the Trust issued in response to the incidents which led to suspension.

The issue received national press coverage such as here by the BBC:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/health-68510577>

And here by the Guardian

<https://www.theguardian.com/uk-news/2024/mar/08/east-london-homerton-fertility-clinic-has-licence-suspended-after-losing-embryos>

Invited for this item is: **Basirat Sadiq, Chief Executive Designate, Homerton Healthcare**

ACTION

The Commission is requested to give consideration to the report and discussion.