

**Gwybodaeth Ychwanegol at Gwestiynau Ysgrifenedig y Cynulliad
Information Further to Written Assembly Questions**

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**Gwybodaeth ychwanegol at WAQ61578 a gyhoeddwyd gan Lesley Griffiths, y
Gweinidog Iechyd a Gwasanaethau Cymdeithasol, ar 27 Tachwedd 2012
Information further to WAQ61578, issued by Lesley Griffiths, the Minister for Health
and Social Services, on 27 November 2012**

At/To Andrew RT Davies:

I am replying to Written Assembly Question 61578.

The Welsh Specialised Services Committee (WHSSC) which commissions IVF services, has advised, due to the capacity constraints at one of our NHS providers following a review by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA), capacity and demand forecasts at IVF Wales were undertaken at the start of the financial year. As a result alternative NHS providers were sourced to provide additional capacity required to treat patients who had been waiting longer in line with these forecasts.

There has been a significant improvement in the numbers waiting longer than 18 months at first cycle and 12 months at second cycle compared to the start of the financial year.

However due to the continued capacity constraints placed on this provider by the HFEA, as of the end of October there are:

- 64 patients who have been waiting longer than 18 months for their first cycle of IVF and
- 70 patients who have been waiting longer than 12 months for their second cycle of IVF.

Further discussions are taking place with alternative NHS providers to identify additional capacity and to treat as a priority those patients who have been waiting longer than 18 months for their first cycle and 12 months for their second cycle and those patients approaching 40 years old.