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Fertility Network UK responds to proposed cuts to NHS IVF across Lancashire and South Cumbria

Aileen Feeney, chief executive of leading patient charity Fertility Network UK, said: 'Fertility patients in Lancashire and south Cumbria will be devastated to hear that health bosses in the region are proposing to cut the number of IVF cycles they offer from 2 to just 1. This is still a proposal, and there is still the opportunity to express your views against this by filling in the online survey at <https://www.elesurvey.co.uk/f/614854/e6e2/> before 8 April 2018. The North West used to be one of the better places to live in terms of access to NHS fertility services; if these proposals go ahead it will join the worst areas.'

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1. Fertility Network UK provides practical and emotional support, authoritative information and advice for anyone experiencing fertility issues. The charity works to raise the profile and understanding of fertility issues and to push for timely and equitable provision of fertility treatment throughout the UK.
2. Fertility Network UK provides a free and impartial Support Line 0121 323 5025
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