In the year 2000, the total population of babies born through in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) topped the 50,000 mark. This year alone, around 30,000 people in the UK will receive IVF treatments resulting in the birth of more than 8,500 babies. There is every indication that the demand for IVF treatments will continue to increase as the age at which people first start trying for a family rises.

What is the likely demand for fertility services over the next 10 years and how might this be paid for?

What are the long term health implications of assisted reproductive technologies and how are they regulated?

This seminar jointly hosted with the All Party Parliamentary Group on Infertility will address these issues and provide the terms of reference for a POST long report on Assisted Reproduction to be published in 2007. Lord Winston will introduce four expert speakers and chair subsequent discussion including a proposed outline of the report.

Programme

1.30 pm Introduction

1.35-2.20pm Presentations

The regulation of fertility services.
Dr Brian Lieberman, Saint Mary’s Hospital, Manchester.

NICE try! Access to fertility services for NHS patients.
Clare Brown, National Infertility Awareness Campaign.

The safety and long-term health implications of assisted reproduction.
Prof Carol Dezateux, Institute of Child Health, University College London.

Should ART be part of a population policy mix? A preliminary assessment of the demographic impacts of Assisted Reproductive Technologies.
Dr Jonathan Grant, RAND Europe.

2.20-3.30pm Discussion

To attend please email POST@parliament.uk or telephone Amina Hossain on 020 7219 8377 as places are limited.