

SPEAKER

Mrs Margaret Gilmore
Deputy Chair, HFEA.



Margaret Gilmore is Deputy Chair of the HFEA. She Chairs the HFEA's Statutory Approvals Committee and is Deputy of the Audit and Governance Committee. She has been an Authority member since 1 April 2015 and is our Deputy Chair. Having spent 19 years as a journalist at the BBC, she continues to write, lecture and commentate on national security and communications issues part time.

Margaret is a former Senior Associate Fellow with the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI). She is an Assistant Boundary Commissioner for England and has been a board member at the Food Standards Agency.

LECTURE ABSTRACT: The HFEA 40 Years On

16:00 - 16:30

Margaret Gilmore recalls how as a young journalist she covered the birth of Louise Brown, finally catching up with her in person this year, 40 years and 6 million babies later. Now the Deputy Chair of the HFEA she reflects on how far the sector has progressed, and on the challenges and barriers which had to be crossed before the birth of the HFEA - and its growth into a world class regulator. She discusses the huge advances in scientific research and medicine, and the challenges that comes with new technologies such as the developments in embryo testing and egg freezing. The UK fertility sector remains at the forefront of scientific and clinical progress in the field - the UK was the first country in the world to licence groundbreaking mitochondrial donation techniques and this year the HFEA licenced the first Mitochondrial Transfer applications. Mrs Gilmore looks at the HFEA's vision for the future and talks of the continued need for regulation to ensure patients get the best, safe and ethical treatments, so that patients have access to honest information which will allow them to make the choices that are right for them. She examines the challenges of managing both success rates and the expectations of patients, and the importance of working in partnership so a wider range of people get access to a broader range of treatments.

REGISTRATION

Wednesday 25 July 2018 - £25 including VAT *tickets are non-refundable*
09:00 - 17:30, Manchester Conference Centre

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