

Appendix

Fraser Competence

For clients who are believed to be under 16 years of age

In 1985 Lord Fraser said, in judgement of the Gillick case, that a doctor can give contraceptive advice or treatment to a person under 16 without parental consent providing the doctor is satisfied that:-

- The young person will understand the advice
- The young person cannot be persuaded to tell their parents or to allow the doctor to tell them that they are seeking contraceptive advice
- The young person is likely to begin or continue having unprotected sex with or without contraceptive treatment
- The young person's physical or mental health is likely to suffer unless they receive contraceptive advice or treatment
- It is in the young person's best interests to give contraceptive advice or treatment

Discussion with the young person should explore the above issues at each consultation. This should be fully documented, and include an assessment of the young person's maturity.

Assessment of Fraser Competency

	Yes	No
Understanding of advice given		
Encouraged to involve parents		
Have you acted in the best interests both physical and mental of the client should treatment be withheld?		

Pharmacist signature.....

Date.....

Client signature.....

Date.....

Please use this space to document any issues discussed in your decision making process not covered in the above table