**Module 1 Course Script**

1. The case for Reproductive and Fertility Health at work

Tailored for board members, executives and ambitious professionals

**Target Audience:**

* Board Members
* Executives
* Senior Leaders
* Ambitious Professionals

**Learning Objectives:**

By the end of this course, participants will:

1. Understand why reproductive and fertility health is a strategic business priority.
2. Recognize the impact of reproductive health challenges on workplace performance, retention, and DEI goals.
3. Learn how organizations can create a culture that supports reproductive and fertility health.
4. Explore actionable steps for integrating reproductive health policies into business strategy.

**1. Introduction: Why This Matters for Leaders (5-10 min)**

* **Welcome & Course Overview**
* **Reproductive Health as a Business Issue**
  + Beyond a "women's issue"—a workplace productivity and equity challenge.
  + How reproductive health affects employees across all genders and life stages.
* **The Business Case**
  + The cost of ignoring reproductive and fertility health in the workplace.
  + Employee retention, absenteeism, and presenteeism statistics.
  + Case studies: Companies benefiting from reproductive health policies.

**2. The Hidden Impact of Reproductive Health on Work (10-15 min)**

* **Key Challenges Employees Face**
  + Fertility struggles (1 in 6 couples affected).
  + Menopause & perimenopause in leadership.
  + Endometriosis, PCOS, miscarriage, and menstrual health.
  + Male reproductive health and testosterone decline.
* **Workplace Consequences**
  + Productivity loss, burnout, and career stagnation.
  + Financial burden: Cost of private treatments and employer healthcare expenses.
  + Silent struggles—why employees don’t disclose health challenges.

**3. Strategic Advantages for Companies Investing in Reproductive Health (10-15 min)**

* **Boosting Employer Brand & Talent Attraction**
  + Competitive edge in recruiting top talent.
  + Why younger generations prioritize reproductive health benefits.
* **Retention & Employee Satisfaction**
  + Reduced attrition and improved loyalty.
  + Case study: Companies with fertility and menopause policies see higher engagement.
* **Legal & Compliance Considerations**
  + The evolving regulatory landscape.
  + Gender equity and avoiding discrimination claims.

**4. Creating a Reproductive Health-Inclusive Workplace (10-15 min)**

* **Key Components of a Strong Workplace Policy**
  + Fertility and family-forming benefits (IVF, surrogacy, egg freezing support).
  + Menstrual, menopause, and reproductive health leave.
  + Access to expert support (coaching, peer groups, digital tools).
* **How Leaders Can Drive Change**
  + Embedding reproductive health into DEI & Wellbeing strategy.
  + Setting the tone for psychological safety.
  + Allocating budget and measuring ROI.

**5. Next Steps & Call to Action (5-10 min)**

* **How to Assess Your Company's Readiness**
  + Quick self-assessment for leaders.
* **Implementing First Steps**
  + Low-cost, high-impact initiatives to start today.
* **Resources & Further Support**
  + Access to We Are Eden’s workplace reproductive health programs.
  + Expert consultations and ongoing training options.

**Course Delivery Options:**

* **Live Webinar or In-Person Training** (for board members & execs).
* **On-Demand Video Course** (for professionals to take at their own pace).

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2. Recognize how reproductive health challenges impact workplace performance, retention, and DEI goals.
3. Learn actionable strategies to integrate reproductive health policies into business strategy.
4. See real-world examples and case studies demonstrating the positive impact of these initiatives.

**1. Introduction: Why This Matters for Leaders (5-10 min)**

* **Welcome & Course Overview**
* **Reproductive Health as a Business Imperative**
  + It’s not just a “women’s issue”—it affects productivity, engagement, and overall workplace equity.
  + Implications for employees across genders and life stages.
* **The Business Case**
  + Hidden costs: absenteeism, turnover, and reduced performance.
  + Overview of key statistics and market research findings.
  + Brief mention of successful companies that have embraced these policies.

**2. The Hidden Impact of Reproductive Health on Work (10-15 min)**

* **Key Challenges Employees Face**
  + Fertility struggles (affecting approximately 1 in 6 couples).
  + Menopause, perimenopause, and related health issues.
  + Conditions like endometriosis, PCOS, and menstrual health challenges.
  + Male reproductive health concerns.
* **Workplace Consequences**
  + Reduced productivity, burnout, and career stagnation.
  + High financial costs: from private treatments to employer healthcare expenses.
  + The “silent struggle”: why employees may not disclose these challenges.

**3. Strategic Advantages for Companies Investing in Reproductive Health (10-15 min)**

* **Enhancing Employer Brand & Talent Attraction**
  + How forward-thinking benefits help recruit top talent.
  + The growing priority of reproductive health among younger generations.
* **Boosting Retention & Employee Satisfaction**
  + Lower attrition and higher loyalty through comprehensive benefits.
* **Legal & Compliance Considerations**
  + Navigating evolving regulations and mitigating discrimination risks.

**4. Case Studies & Real-World Examples (10-15 min)**

* **Case Study: Fortune 500 Pioneer (Company X)**
  + **Overview:** Company X implemented a comprehensive fertility program that included benefits such as fertility preservation, IVF support, and flexible leave policies.
  + **Outcomes:** They experienced a 25% reduction in turnover among key demographics and reported a measurable increase in employee engagement and loyalty.
* **Case Study: Tech Innovator (Company Y)**
  + **Overview:** Recognizing the competitive talent market, Company Y introduced subsidized fertility treatments, on-site counseling, and digital support tools.
  + **Outcomes:** This initiative not only improved employee satisfaction but also provided a competitive edge in attracting top-tier talent, with significant improvements in workplace morale.
* **Case Study: Multinational Leader in Women’s Health (Company Z)**
  + **Overview:** Company Z integrated a robust menopause support program alongside flexible scheduling and wellness initiatives, addressing the needs of mid-career professionals.
  + **Outcomes:** The program led to notable improvements in workforce productivity, a reduction in absenteeism, and received positive media recognition for its progressive policies.

*These examples, drawn from industry research and documented case studies, illustrate the tangible benefits that organizations have realized by prioritizing reproductive and fertility health.*

**5. Creating a Reproductive Health-Inclusive Workplace (10-15 min)**

* **Key Components of a Strong Policy**
  + Fertility and family-forming benefits (e.g., IVF, surrogacy, egg freezing).
  + Menstrual, menopause, and overall reproductive health leave and support.
  + Access to expert advice, coaching, and digital health tools.
* **Role of Leadership in Driving Change**
  + Embedding reproductive health into DEI and wellbeing strategies.
  + Leading by example to create a culture of openness and psychological safety.
  + Allocating budget and establishing clear ROI metrics.

**6. Next Steps & Call to Action (5-10 min)**

* **Assessing Your Company’s Readiness**
  + Self-assessment tools and reflective questions for leaders.
* **Implementing High-Impact Initiatives**
  + Practical first steps that are low-cost but high-impact.
* **Resources & Continued Support**
  + Access to expert consultations and further training (e.g., via We Are Eden’s workplace reproductive health programs).
  + Additional reading, toolkits, and industry benchmarks to help guide implementation.

This structured script provides both the strategic rationale and the practical, real-world examples that highlight the benefits of investing in reproductive and fertility health. It’s designed to empower decision-makers with both the insights and the data they need to drive meaningful change within their organizations.

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Great! Here are some **real-world case studies and company examples** to integrate into the course:

**1. Case Study: Unilever – Comprehensive Menopause & Fertility Support**

**Challenge:**  
Unilever noticed that mid-career women were leaving at a higher rate, often due to menopause-related symptoms or fertility challenges.

**Solution:**

* Introduced a **Menopause Policy**, including flexible working and manager training.
* Launched fertility benefits covering IVF, adoption, and surrogacy support.
* Created a menopause support network for employees.

**Results:**

* **9% increase in retention** among mid-career women.
* Higher engagement in leadership programs for women over 40.

**Lesson for Executives:**  
Addressing reproductive health improves retention and leadership diversity.

**2. Case Study: Google – Family-Forming Benefits for All Genders**

**Challenge:**  
Google recognized that traditional health benefits didn’t support diverse family structures, particularly same-sex couples and employees needing fertility treatments.

**Solution:**

* Offered **$75,000 in fertility treatment coverage**, including IVF and surrogacy.
* Expanded **parental leave policies** for all genders.
* Integrated peer support programs for employees undergoing fertility treatments.

**Results:**

* **Higher satisfaction scores** in employee well-being surveys.
* **Improved DEI scores**, especially among LGBTQ+ employees.

**Lesson for Executives:**  
Providing inclusive benefits attracts and retains top talent across all demographics.

**3. Case Study: Co-op – Flexible Working for Employees with Endometriosis**

**Challenge:**  
Employees with endometriosis reported high absenteeism and difficulty managing work schedules around their symptoms.

**Solution:**

* Introduced **flexible working policies** for employees with chronic reproductive conditions.
* Provided **specialized reproductive health training** for managers.
* Partnered with charities to provide **employee education sessions**.

**Results:**

* **Reduction in absenteeism** due to better symptom management.
* **Higher employee engagement** from those affected.

**Lesson for Executives:**  
Flexible policies can boost productivity and reduce sick leave costs.

**4. Case Study: PwC – Fertility & Pregnancy Loss Support**

**Challenge:**  
Employees experiencing pregnancy loss or fertility struggles felt unsupported, leading to disengagement and resignations.

**Solution:**

* Introduced **10 days of paid leave** for pregnancy loss (including partners).
* Created a **Fertility & Family Network** for peer-to-peer support.
* Partnered with external fertility specialists to offer **1-on-1 counseling**.

**Results:**

* **Reduced stigma** around discussing fertility challenges.
* **Higher return-to-work rates** after pregnancy loss.

**Lesson for Executives:**  
Acknowledging reproductive challenges fosters a more loyal workforce.

**5. Case Study: NatWest – Manager Training on Reproductive Health**

**Challenge:**  
Employees with menstrual and reproductive health conditions struggled with manager understanding and accommodations.

**Solution:**

* Rolled out **compulsory manager training** on reproductive health.
* Created an internal **employee resource group** to provide insights.
* Developed an **anonymous reporting system** for reproductive health challenges.

**Results:**

* **Better relationships** between employees and managers.
* **More open conversations** leading to tailored support solutions.

**Lesson for Executives:**  
Manager education is key to creating a reproductive health-friendly workplace.

**How These Case Studies Fit into the Course:**

* Use them in **Module 2 (The Hidden Impact of Reproductive Health at Work)** to highlight real-world workplace challenges.
* Feature them in **Module 3 (Strategic Advantages for Companies)** to showcase how leading firms are benefiting.
* Wrap up with an **interactive discussion** where executives consider what policies they can implement in their own companies.

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