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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to Cord blood stem cells.

You asked:

- 1) Do you allow private stem cell companies to promote their services on your sites, e.g. leaflets?*
- 2) Do you allow representatives from stem cell companies on any of your sites to promote or collect cord blood, e.g. in delivery suites?*
- 3) Does the Trust allow its staff to work for stem cell companies, e.g. collecting umbilical cord blood for private companies?*
- 4) How long (how many minutes) does the Trust consider 'optimal' cord clamping?*
- 5) Please supply the following information for each of the individual calendar years: 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 to date:*
 - a) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by a private company.*
 - b) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by the NHS.*
 - c) The income received from stem cell companies.*

Trust response:

- 1) No
- 2) Not allowed to promote; however, collection is permitted provided the company with whom the woman has made a private arrangement, holds a valid Human Tissue Organisation licence with arrangements made for a phlebotomist from this company to collect the sample.
- 3) No

4)

Physiological management of the third stage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No clamping of the cord until pulsation has stopped.
Active management of the third stage:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To defer clamping and cutting of the cord and controlled cord traction only after signs of separation of the placenta.
Preterm babies (vaginal and caesarean section births):	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To wait up to one minute before clamping the cord of preterm babies if the mother and baby are stable.

5)

a)

Calendar year	No. of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by a private company
2015	3 (data only available from Oct – Dec 15)
2016	13
2017	10
2018	14
2019	4

b)

Calendar year	No. of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by the NHS
2015	0
2016	0
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0

c) None