

Date: **19 August 2019**

Our reference: **FOIRQ5351**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for your request for information processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please see our response to your requests for information below:

Your Request

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from the Trust:

- 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.*

Our Request for Clarification

The Trust asked you to clarify whether the focus of your request was specifically in relation to maternity units/delivery suites only being that your questions seemed to be concerned with umbilical cord blood/stem cells obtained from umbilical cords in new-born babies.

Your Response to Our Request for Clarification

You confirmed the information relates specifically to maternity units and delivery suites.

Our Response

Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children NHS Foundation Trust (the 'Trust') is a single site, specialist tertiary paediatric trust. The Trust does not have a maternity department nor do we commission any maternity units or delivery suites at GOSH. We cannot therefore respond to your specific request for information.

Please note:

The information provided under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 is the information held on the date your request was received by the Trust.

We trust the information provided is sufficient and helped to answer any issues, concerns or questions. Should you have any further queries in relation to this request, please do not hesitate to contact the FOI Team and quote the above reference number on any related correspondence.

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Yours sincerely

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If you are dissatisfied with the response you have received to your request for information, please contact the FOI team and quote your reference number on all correspondence relating to your request.

You can also write to the Head of Quality & Safety at the following address:

Quality & Safety team
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