

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 26 July 2019.

I am pleased to confirm the following.

1) Do you allow private stem cell companies to promote their services on your sites, e.g. leaflets?

There is a leaflet in the booking pack all women booked at the Trust are given. The midwives will point the leaflet out and answer questions if required

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?

Representatives from the company appointed by the woman come to labour ward to collect the blood

3) Does the Trust allow its staff to work for stem cell companies, e.g. collecting umbilical cord blood for private companies?

The midwives as part of their substantive role do not carry out any aspect of the cord blood collection, other than clamp and cut the cord and give it to the company representative to collect the blood within labour ward

4) How long (how many minutes) does the Trust consider 'optimal' cord clamping?

Midwives will leave the cord for a minimum of 1 minute, however many will leave it until it stops pulsating if the woman requests it

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.

Unknown

b) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by the NHS.

We rarely have NHS collections, There has been one that I am aware of over the past 5 years, however this information would be stored in the individual patients record and not stored centrally.

c) The income received from stem cell companies.

2015 – Unknown

2016 - Unknown

2017 - Unknown

2018 - £803.33

2019 - £1668.50

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-Ordinator
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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