



**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: UHB 19-460**

2 August 2019

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

1. Do you allow private stem cell companies to promote their services on your sites, e.g. leaflets?  
No.
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?  
No, unless they can prove they have required licence and parents have made private arrangement with company.
3. Does the Trust allow its staff to work for stem cell companies, e.g. collecting umbilical cord blood for private companies?  
No.
4. How long (how many minutes) does the Trust consider 'optimal' cord clamping?  
Please see attached the Labour Case policy.
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.

The Trust does not keep a record of babies whose parents paid for a private company with appropriate licence to collect cord blood.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary  
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
Bristol  
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

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Yours sincerely

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