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of North Midlands**
NHS Trust

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Date: 30th July 2019

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 25th July 2019 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding stem cell.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 Do you allow private stem cell companies to promote their services on your sites, e.g. leaflets?

A1 No

Q2 Do you allow representatives from stem cell companies on any of your sites to promote or collect cord blood, e.g. in delivery suites?

A2 No

Q3 Does the Trust allow its staff to work for stem cell companies, e.g. collecting umbilical cord blood for private companies?

A3 No

Q4 How long (how many minutes) does the Trust consider ‘optimal’ cord clamping?

A4 At least one minute

Q5 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

A5 Please see below:

a) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for	None
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banking by a private company.	
b) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by the NHS.	We are unable to provide the information you require as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. <i>Personal information</i> . However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers of as being less than five
c) The income received from stem cell companies	None

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

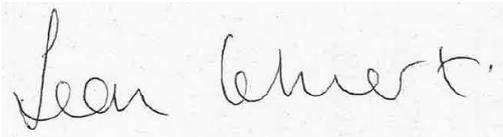
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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