

**DIRECTIONS GIVEN UNDER THE HUMAN FERTILISATION
AND EMBRYOLOGY ACT 1990**

**Giving and receiving money or other benefits in respect of any supply of
gametes or embryos**

Ref. D.1991/2

These Directions are:	GENERAL DIRECTIONS
Section of Act providing for these Directions:	Section 12(e)
These Directions come into force on:	1 August 1991
These Directions remain in force:	Until revoked

Individual donors of gametes

1. Individual donors of gametes may be given money or other benefits for the supply of their gametes.
2. In money or money's worth, no donor may be given more than £15 for each donation plus the reasonable expenses which he or she has incurred in making the donation.
3. In any event, no establishment may give a donor more money or money's worth for any donation than the highest amount which that establishment gave a donor of the same sex for a donation during the year ended 31 July 1991.
4. If the amount referred to in paragraph 3 is lower than the total amount referred to in paragraph 2, only the lower amount may be given.
5. There is no restriction on the value of other benefits which may be given to the donor, but the only benefits which may be offered for this purpose are treatment services and sterilisation.

Supply of gametes or embryos from one establishment to another

6. Suppliers of gametes or embryos who are not individual donors may be given and may receive money or other benefits for that supply.
7. In those circumstances, the most that may be given or received for the supply of any gametes or embryos is enough money or money's worth to reimburse the supplier's reasonable expenses.

8. In calculating what is reasonable the supplier may take into account all the supplier's costs, and not just out-of-pocket expenses connected directly with the particular supply.

Meaning of terms

9. In these Directions, the terms listed have the meaning shown:

"money's worth" means anything which could be sold for money, or used to obtain goods or services, but does not include services themselves;

"other benefits" include services and also include benefits which cannot be measured in money.

Date: 23 July 1991

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Chairman