

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

**Directions on use of stored gametes to produce siblings**

Ref. D 1991/9

These Directions are:

GENERAL DIRECTIONS

Section of the Act providing  
for these Directions:

Sections 12(g) 13(2)(f)  
and 24(2)

These Directions come into  
force on:

1 October 1991

These Directions remain  
in force until:

31 March 1992

These Directions apply to centres which have received, either from the woman herself or from another licensed centre, a woman's written request to have treatment from a particular donor in order to produce a full sibling for her donor child where

- i. the sperm were already in store on the 1 August 1991 (wherever they came from);
- ii. the woman's donor child was carried or being carried by that woman before 1 August 1991;  
and
- iii. the donor did not agree to the disclosure of his name by the centre at the time the gametes were provided.

In such cases a copy of the woman's request together with evidence to satisfy the Authority that that donor's sperm was used to produce the woman's child must be sent to the Authority by 31 March 1992 by the licensed centre which had the sperm in store on 1 August 1991.

Where a donor did not agree to the disclosure of his name by the centre at the time the gametes were provided, the centre may omit the donor's name from the donor information form if.

- i. the donor's name is not known to the centre or to any other centre; or
- ii. although the donor's name is known, the centre has not been able to trace the donor to obtain his agreement despite reasonable efforts to do so; or
- iii. the donor has been asked to agree to the disclosure of his name to the Authority and he has refused.

Subject to the above each such centre must complete a donor information form when gametes from a particular donor are

- i. first used at that centre in treatment services, or
- ii. first supplied by that centre to another centre for use for the purpose of providing treatment services

whichever happens first.

The donor information form (ref HFEA (91)4) is set out in the Schedule to these directions, A copy of the form must be sent to the Authority within one week after that first use or first supply.

Date 26<sup>th</sup> April 1991

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Chairman