

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.1998/1

These Directions are:	GENERAL DIRECTIONS
Section of Act providing For these Directions:	Section 12 (e)
These Directions come into Force on:	7 December 1998
These Directions remain In force:	Until revoked

1. These Directions revoke Directions D. 1996/1

Individual donors of gametes

2. Individual donors of gametes may be given money or other benefits for the supply of their gametes.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. No establishment may accept as a donor any individual who is known by that establishment to have received or to be about to receive, or who is reasonably suspected by that establishment to have received or to be about to receive:
 - a) money or money's worth to a value in excess of the amount of money or money's worth (including reasonable expenses incurred in the making of the donation) permitted by these Directions; or
 - b) other benefits of a kind not permitted to be given under these Directions,

where the money or money's worth to that greater value, or those other benefits, are received through the means of and/or with the assistance of any agency or other intermediary.

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 they 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 7 December 1998

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