

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.2006/1

These Directions are:	GENERAL DIRECTIONS
Section of Act providing for these Directions:	Section 12 (e)
These Directions come into force on:	1 April 2006
These Directions remain in force:	Until revoked

1. These Directions revoke Directions D. 1998/1

Individual donors of gametes

2. Individual donors of gametes may be given money or other benefits for the supply of their gametes, subject to the conditions of these Directions.
3. In money or money's worth, a donor may be reimbursed reasonable expenses which he or she has incurred, within the UK, in connection with the donation.
4. Donors may be compensated for loss of earnings (but not for other costs or inconveniences) up to a daily maximum of £55.19 but with an overall limit of £250 (or the equivalent in local currency) for each course of sperm donation or each cycle of egg donation.
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. These services should be provided to the donor in the course of the donation cycle unless there is a medical reason why they cannot be provided at that time.

6. 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 in excess of reasonable expenses incurred in connection with the donation or compensation for loss of earnings permitted by these Directions;

or

b) other benefits of a kind not permitted to be given under these Directions, 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

7. Suppliers of gametes or embryos who are not individual donors may be given and may receive money or other benefits for that supply subject to the conditions.

8. In those circumstances, the most that they may be given or receive for the supply of any gametes or embryos is enough money or money's worth to reimburse the supplier's reasonable expenses.

9. In calculating what is reasonable the supplier may take into account all the supplier's costs, including out-of-pocket expenses connected directly with the particular supply.

Meaning of terms

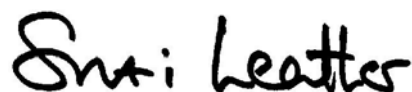
10. In these Directions, the terms listed have the meaning shown:

"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;

"course of sperm donation" means the period beginning at the first consultation and ending once the sample has been released for use in treatment;

"cycle of egg donation" means the period from the first consultation until the donor's recuperation is complete.



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