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By email only [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED]

We write further to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act received 25th July 2019. We have set out your request, together with our response below.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from the Trust:

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

No

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

Yes. The private company provide a phlebotomist and they are accommodated on the Labour ward to collect the cord blood

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

No

4) How long (how many minutes) does the Trust consider 'optimal' cord clamping?

>2 minutes

5) 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.

This is not information which University Coventry and Warwickshire Hospital Trust records and therefore we cannot provide any answers to the requests that have been made.

b) The number of babies born whose umbilical cord blood was collected for banking by the NHS.

None

c) The income received from stem cell companies.

No income received.

As we have provided the information that we do hold your request is now closed. We trust that this is satisfactory but if you are dissatisfied with the way that it has been handled you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: Geoff Stokes, Director of Corporate Affairs, UHCW, Clifford Bridge Road, Coventry CV2 2DX.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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