

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 19/20: 226

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 25/07/2019.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

- 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?*

Representatives are allowed on site to collect cord blood when this has been requested and organised by the mother.

- 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?*

Our Guideline states:

- **Do not clamp the cord earlier than 1 minute from the birth of the baby, unless there is concern about the integrity of the cord or the baby has a heartbeat below 60 beats/minute that is not getting faster.**
- **Clamp the cord before 5 minutes in order to perform controlled cord traction as part of active management.**
- **If the mother requests that the cord is clamped and cut later than 5 minutes, support her in her choice.**

- 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.*

The Trust does not hold this information, as it would be a private contract between the mother and the company.

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

I can confirm on behalf of the Trust and in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not collate the information you have requested in a centralised system.

- c) *The income received from stem cell companies.* **£0**