Application for information about your child(ren)’s donor and/or donor-conceived genetic sibling(s)

For parents of donor-conceived people

What this form is for
If your child(ren) was/were conceived with the help of an egg, sperm or embryo donor after 1 August 1991, you can use this form to request information about them and/or any people conceived using the same donor (donor-conceived genetic siblings).

How does the HFEA know information about my child’s donor and donor-conceived genetic sibling(s)?
Since the HFEA was set up on 1 August 1991, clinics have been legally required to submit information to us when they carry out fertility treatment involving donor sperm, eggs or embryos. This includes information about the donor, the patient(s) and any children born as a result of treatment. All of this information is stored on a secure database called the HFEA Register.

If your child was conceived before this date, there are other options you can try. Please visit our website, www.hfea.gov.uk, for more information.

What information can I find out?
You can request all the personal information we have on your child’s donor, except anything that could identify them. You can also find out whether they have agreed to share their identity with your child once they are 18.

The information we have will depend on when your child was conceived, as the information donors have been required to give us has changed over the years – find out more on our website.

We can also tell you the number, sex and year of birth of your child’s donor-conceived genetic siblings. Use section five of this form to tell us what information you would like.

How should I use this information?
We give this information to you so that it can be passed onto your donor-conceived child. It could be that your child has shown an interest in learning about their background, or you are preparing to tell them that they were conceived with the help of a donor. You may wish to access professional support groups to help you to have these conversations in an open and sensitive way – see our website for more information.

www.hfea.gov.uk
Can my child find out information about their donor and donor-conceived genetic sibling(s) without me?

From the age of 16, your child can apply to us directly for information about their donor and donor-conceived genetic sibling(s). Visit our website for more information.

Things to consider

Bear in mind that different donors will have provided different amounts of personal information so it’s possible that you will receive less information than your child would like, or what you get could be very different from what they expect. Your child may also have more or fewer donor-conceived genetic siblings than they expect.

It’s important to prepare your child for this and how to deal with the various feelings you might both have. That’s why we encourage you to talk about it with your child and a professional or other people who have already been through a similar experience.

You may find it helpful to contact Donor Conception Network, which is a supportive network of families with children conceived with donated sperm, eggs or embryos, and donor-conceived people; website: www.dcnetwork.org, telephone: 020 7278 2608.

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Date of birth

Place of birth

Country of birth

Relationship to the donor-conceived person (please tick)

Mother  □

Father  □

Clinic(s) where you were treated
2. Contact details

Please supply us with the postal address that you would like us to send correspondence to and your contact details so we can get in touch with you if necessary.

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3. Birth mother’s details

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4. Donor-conceived child(ren)’s details

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5. Information requested

Please confirm the information you wish to receive.

- The number of donor-conceived genetic siblings your child(ren) has/have  
  - Yes  
  - No

- The gender of their donor-conceived genetic sibling(s)  
  - Yes  
  - No

- The year(s) of birth of their donor-conceived genetic sibling(s)  
  - Yes  
  - No

- Non-identifying personal information about the donor  
  - Yes  
  - No

- If the donor has agreed to share their identity with your child when they are 18  
  - Yes  
  - No

- The type of information that your child will be entitled to at 18  
  - Yes  
  - No

6. Proof of identity and address

Legally we must verify your identity before we can respond to your request. You must therefore send us one proof of identity and one proof of address from the list below, which continues on the next page. Please tick which ones you are supplying.

The identity documents you supply must be original documents or copies that have been certified by a solicitor (if you’re a solicitor yourself, you may not self-certify your own identity documents).

If you have already submitted proof of identity and address to us in the last five years as part of another information request, you do not need to resubmit these documents unless your name and/or address have changed. Please tick this box if this is the case.

If you used a surrogate you must also submit the child(ren)’s birth certificate recording you as the legal parent.

Identity:

- □ valid passport

- □ birth certificate (if your name has changed since this was issued, you also need to submit deed poll documentation or a marriage certificate)
☐ valid full or provisional UK driving licence photo card
☐ if your driving licence was issued before 1998, a valid old style paper UK driving licence which contains your date of birth.

Address (dated within the last three months):
☐ utility bill
☐ council tax bill
☐ bank statement
☐ credit card statement
☐ pay slip
☐ NHS card.

*We recommend that you send this documentation to us using a secure delivery method. We will return them to you within five working days of receiving them by special delivery post. We accept no responsibility whatsoever for accidental loss or mishandling of documents that you submit with this application that is outside our premises and control.*

A copy of your identity documents will be retained for five years. If you re-apply for information within this time period, you will not need to resubmit your identity documents unless your name and/or address have changed. If you re-apply after the five-year retention period, you will need to resubmit identity documents.

### 7. Consent

By signing below, you consent to us processing your personal data for the purpose of complying with this request and our statutory obligation under the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (as amended).

Your signature

Date

We accept no responsibility for the impact that the information provided in response to your request has on you or any other person.

Please note that the information you are applying for is based on data supplied to us by clinics and they are responsible for its accuracy.

### Submitting this form

Please post this completed form with your proof of identity and address documents to:

HFEA Information Team
10 Spring Gardens
London
SW1A 2BU

We will respond to your application within 20 working days of receiving this signed form and your proof of identity and address documents. We will retain a copy of this application form and all subsequent correspondence indefinitely.