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DONOR CONCEPTION: A PRIVATE FAMILY MATTER?

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Donor-conceived people **should always** be able to learn the identity of their donor if they so choose.





Parents **should be** positively encouraged to tell their DC children from an early age about their conception - as is specified in legislation.

Counselling /intermediary services **should be** available to support information-exchange (and contact where mutually agreed) between DC people and their donors + **mutually agreed** information exchange/contact between DC ½ siblings and between DC ½ siblings and any other children of the donor.



Serious consideration **should be** given to the merits/demerits and practicalities of recording donor conception on birth registration - as promised by government ministers in 2008.



As a corollary, individuals and couples who are unable or unwilling to tell their donor-conceived child about the nature of their conception (for personal, familial, religious, cultural or other reasons) **ought not** to use this form of family-building.

