

# **Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) Bill**

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Promote the donation of cord blood from women after giving birth; and for connected purposes.

**B**E IT ENACTED by the Queen's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Lords Spiritual and Temporal, and Commons, in this present Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:—

**1 Duty to promote the donation of umbilical cord blood**

- (1) It is the duty of the Secretary of State to—
- (a) encourage pregnant women to donate their umbilical cord blood after birth;
  - (b) increase awareness of the value of umbilical cord blood for the treatment of diseases and for research of new treatment methods; 5
  - (c) promote the collection of cord blood samples from designated groups, including minority groups and mixed race families in which there is a history of diseases that are, or may be, treatable by use of cord blood.
- (2) In pursuance of the duty under subsection (1), the Secretary of State must issue guidance to medical practitioners on the information relating to the collection and storage of cord blood to be made available to pregnant women. 10

**2 Targets for the donation of umbilical cord blood**

- (1) The Secretary of State must publish targets for the number of cord blood samples donated at health service hospitals in specified calendar years. 15
- (2) The first targets set under subsection (1) must be published within two months of the date on which this Act is passed and must relate to the following calendar year.
- (3) The Secretary of State must lay before Parliament each year a report on performance in the previous calendar year against the targets set under subsection (1). 20
- (4) A report under subsection (3) must include—
- (a) the number of cord blood samples donated, and

(b) the number of cord blood transplants performed,  
at health service hospitals.

- (5) A report under subsection (3) may include information on the use and planned use of cord blood for the treatment of diseases and for research of new treatment methods.

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### **3 Interpretation**

In this Act—

“health service hospital” has the meaning given by the National Health Service Act 2006 (c. 41) or the National Health Service (Wales) Act 2006 (c. 42);

“medical practitioner” has the same meaning as in the Medical Act 1983 (c. 54).

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### **4 Short title and extent**

- (1) This Act may be cited as the Umbilical Cord Blood (Donation) Act 2008.
- (2) This Act extends to England and Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland.

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