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Dear Salmaan Dalvi

Re: Information request

Thank you for your request dated 30th April for information from NHS Blood and Transplant (NHSBT) regarding cord blood.

I am writing to advise you that we are able to provide you with the following information in response to your request.

The APPG on Stem cells set a target on Cord Blood collection with 140 TNC and above units to be collected between NHSBT and Anthony Nolan. There was also to be 40% more BAME collections. The government allocated more resources under Andrew Hadley and his team to increase cord blood collections and transplants, Figures like Mr. Parkes were brought in to create a major effect and lean processes and operational improvements were put into place.

As a member of the ethnic minority and a tax payer, I would like to see there was success to the allocated funds. The question is simple

1. How many cord blood units are held by the NHSBT WHICH ARE OF CLINICAL GRADE? (140 Tnc and above)

The clinical grade inventory of cord blood units (defined as cords with a pre-processing Total Nucleated Cell count of 140×10^7), within NHSBT's Cord Blood Bank, is 17,285 units on the searchable Register with a further ~800 cords in the processing pipeline that have passed initial evaluation and will be added to the Register within 3 months.

2. How many of these are from the BAME Community and what is the breakdown?

Of the 17,285 clinical units that are searchable, there are 6360 that can be defined as BAME, representing 37% of the searchable inventory. The proportion of units added annually from BAME donors has averaged at 41.25%, since the refresh of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC) endorsed UK Stem Cell strategy in 2014. The breakdown of that inventory is illustrated in the following table:

Ethnicity	Count
Arab	150
Asian	2555
Black	770
Jewish	134
Mixed	2478
Oriental	96
Other	177
Total	6360

3. How many untis have been released since 2013 when the 300th unit was released under the emminent leadership of Jesmina James and Linda Hamlyn.

The NHS Cord Blood Bank has issued 682 cord blood units for transplant to date. At the beginning of the 2013/2014 financial year, the NHS Cord Blood Bank had issued 420 cord blood units.

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I hope this is helpful in addressing your questions. Please quote the reference number above in any future communications.

Yours sincerely



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