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Summary of request

The Authority was asked for information on newly registered egg donors in a number of specified age brackets.

HFEA response

The data requested is presently being withheld under section 22 FOIA (future publication). It is intended that the data will be published on our website later this year in the form of a statistical report currently being conducted on gamete donation.

It is considered that the early disclosure of the data requested is likely to result in patients and the general public accessing information that may be misleading. In light of this, the public interest in the disclosure of the information is outweighed by the public interest in ensuring that patients and the general public have access to information that is accurate and has been verified by clinics. It is therefore considered reasonable to withhold the data under section 22 at this point.