

UK DonorLink is a pilot voluntary contact register set up to enable people conceived through donated sperm, and/or eggs, their donors and half-siblings to exchange information and where desired to contact each other. The register is specifically for anyone over the age of 18 who was conceived using donated sperm or eggs, or who donated, in the UK, before the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act came into force in August 1991. The register will be available throughout the UK.

The initiative is being funded by the Department of Health. The pilot has been running from early 2004, progress and outcomes are being reported to the Department of Health to inform decisions on longer term funding.

The register is currently being managed and developed by After Adoption Yorkshire (AAY). AAY is a specialist independent registered charity that offers information, advice, counselling, support and training to people whose lives have been affected by adoption. They also have staff with experience and knowledge of donor conception issues.

UK DonorLink has a dedicated team within AAY, committed to developing a service that is shaped by the needs of donor-conceived people and their families as well as by donors and their relatives. Confidentiality and sensitivity to the very personal nature of enquiries will be a priority for the service.

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The Parkinson's Disease Society (PDS) was established in 1969 and now has 30,000 members, 19,000 supporters and over 300 branches and support groups throughout the UK.

The PDS provides support, advice and information to people with Parkinson's, their carers, families and friends, and to health and social services professionals involved in management and care. It is a registered charity.

Last year the Society spent more than £3.4 million on funding research into the cause, cure and prevention of Parkinson's, and improvements in available treatments.

The Society also develops models of good practice in service provision, such as Parkinson's Disease Nurse Specialists and respite care, and campaigns for

changes that will improve the lives of people affected by Parkinson's.

Contact Details

www.parkinsons.org.uk

Main Offices:

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The Donor Conception Network

The DC Network is a **self-help network** of over 1,000 families created with the help of donated eggs, sperm or embryos; couples and individuals seeking to found a family this way; and adults conceived using a donor.

The aim is to support and guide would-be and current parents in the issues they face about how to be open with children about donor conception, thereby avoiding damaging secrets.

These questions arise throughout the upbringing of donor conceived children and at different stages in their lives. We have supported the ending of anonymous donor conception, as a further step to reduce the withholding of secrets from donor conceived people.

The network is keen to help couples and individuals who are facing issues about donor conception at any stage, and would like to hear the experiences of those of us who have been there before.

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