

Latest figures on number of donors – end July 2009

Last Friday (31st July 2009) the HFEA published the latest donor figures <http://www.hfea.gov.uk/3411.html> <<http://www.hfea.gov.uk/3411.html>> . Last week's comments of HFEA Chair Professor Jardine may have suggested that donor numbers were in decline, a wrong fact happily picked up by the media. We are pleased to say that the opposite is true and that donor numbers are quite significantly on the rise.

The figures below are compared to the available data to 2005, the year of removal of anonymity:

Sperm donors

Increase from 250 to 384 = 54%.

Highest number since 1992 is 415 (1993). A further 8% increase will reach that. 30% increase (116) will reach the target of 500, as set by the Working Group of Sperm Donation Services.

UK sperm donors (i.e. discounting the bought sperm) > interesting stat if anyone ever suggests that the increase in SD is due to foreign sperm. It's not.

Increase from 221 to 320 = 45%

Egg donors total

Increase from 923 to 1,084 = 17.5%

Highest number since 1992 is 1,281 (2001). A further 18% increase will reach that. There is no target set.

Altruistic egg donors

Increase from 506 to 707 = 40%

Highest number since 2000 is 846. A further 20% will reach that.

Egg share donors

Decrease from 417 to 377 = 10%