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The British Fertility Society's Response to the Government's Delivery Through Arm's-length Bodies Inquiry

The British Fertility Society (BFS) is a membership society for all who are involved in the science and practice of reproductive medicine.

The Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) has regulated fertility treatment and embryo research in the UK for 30 years. Amongst its many functions are: embryo research regulation, licensing and inspecting fertility clinics and maintaining a register which contains intricate and sensitive donor conception data, both from the era when sperm and egg donors were anonymous and from the present era when donors are identifiable.

The BFS supports the retention of the HFEA as an independent regulator for a specialised sector of healthcare and research and believes that the concentration of expertise should be maintained together with its broad range of functions.

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