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Fertility Network UK supports HFEA's #WholsMyDonor campaign

The HFEA- the UK's fertility regulator- has launched its #WholsMyDonor campaign as the changes to donor anonymity law begin to come into fruition this year.

Around 30 young people affected by landmark changes to UK donor anonymity law are just days away from making history as they become the first donor conceived people eligible to find out who their donor is.

These people, who were conceived by egg, sperm or embryo donation from donors who registered after 1 April 2005, now have the right to request their donor's full name, date of birth and last known address from the Human Fertilisation & Embryology Authority (HFEA).

The #WholsMyDonor campaign aims to raise awareness of donor conception, of the information available to people affected by egg and sperm donation and how they can apply for it. It also acts as a fresh reminder for donors to update their information ahead of the first donor conceived people becoming eligible to apply.

Catherine Hill, chief executive at Fertility Network UK, said: "Fertility Network UK greatly supports the HFEA's #WholsMyDonor campaign to raise awareness about donor conception. The change in law in 2005 was a crucial step in giving donor-conceived people life-changing access to details about their origins.

"Now that they are eligible, we encourage donors to update their contact details and make it possible for these people to access information that could have a huge impact on their sense of identity."

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1. Fertility Network UK provides practical and emotional support, information and advice for anyone experiencing fertility issues. The charity works to raise the profile and understanding of fertility issues and to push for timely and equitable provision of fertility treatment throughout the UK. www.fertilitynetworkuk.org
2. Fertility Network UK provides a free and impartial Support Line open from 10am to 4pm.

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3. Fertility Network UK supports people. We rely on voluntary donations to continue our vital work. You can donate now via text; text FNUK plus the donation amount to 70085. Or you can donate by visiting www.justgiving.com/fertilitynetwork

