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Scope of the Working Party

- Blood unpaid 'altruistic' donation
- Tissue and organs post-mortem unpaid 'altruistic' donation
- Living organ donors recovery of direct expenses
- Gametes recovery of direct expenses or reduced-price treatment
- Participation in 'first-in-human' trials paid volunteers



Supply and demand

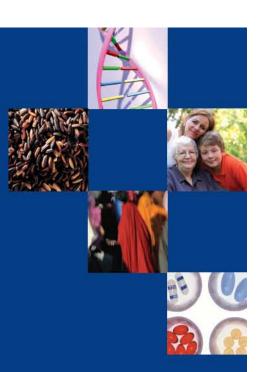
- Ongoing pressure to maintain blood stocks
- 7,877 people waiting for organ transplants
- 448 people died during 2008/09 waiting for a suitable organ to become available
- Waiting lists of 1-2 years for donor gametes for infertility treatment
- 'First-in-human trials' impossible to recruit without payment





Questions for the Working Party

- What degree of 'encouragement' is ethically acceptable?
- What is required for a valid consent?
- What future control can the donor/volunteer reasonably exert?
- What are the policy implications for regulators and intermediaries?
- Should there be a single approach across all forms of donation/volunteering?





Ethical values at stake

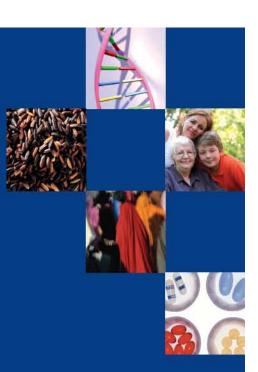
- Altruism a selfless gift
- Solidarity 'we're all in this together'
- Autonomy 'it's my body'
- Utilitarianism greatest good for the greatest number
- Dignity does 'commodification' of the human body undermine dignity?
- Justice exploitation and fair remuneration





Encouragement or inducement?

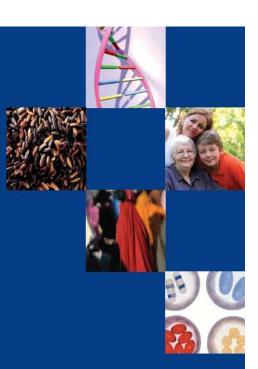
- Current practice based on 'altruism'
- Greater recognition or more tangible incentives?
- Dispensing with post-mortem consent?
- Payment? regulated or unregulated markets?
- Acceptance that supply cannot meet demand?





Consent and control

- Can consent by invalidated by incentives?
- How long does consent last? when and how can it be withdrawn?
- What degree of control can the donor/volunteer expect to exert?





Policy implications

- How far can regulators and intermediaries go in encouraging people to donate or volunteer? Is there an ethical limit?
- Is there a role of any kind for payment?
- Can the current set of regulatory arrangements be justified, or should they be unified on the basis of a single ethical framework?

