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CHARITIES AND OTHER ORGANISATIONS  
ON PRO-LIFE ISSUES

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The alphabetical listing of charities and other organisations is based on the full title of the groups (rather than abbreviations).

## HOW TO USE THIS LIST

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This list is a tool for pushing for positive change in organisations with unethical policies.

It reflects the stated or known stance and activities of over 240 charities and other organisations. Neither the absence nor the inclusion of any organisation should be taken to indicate approval or disapproval.

The purpose of this list is to promote a shift towards pro-life policies and away from abortion, embryo experimentation, euthanasia, population control and pre-natal screening/diagnosis. If an organisation that you currently support, or that you wish to support, appears on the list and has unacceptable policies or activities, please contact them and tell them about your concerns. Ask them to change their policies so that you can, in conscience, support them. Where this approach is not appropriate (i.e. with organisations that are evidently wholly committed to contra-life principles) look for alternative organisations to support and tell them why.

When contacting organisations bear in mind that they may have changed their policies since this information was prepared. If this is so, please let us know and let us have copies of relevant documentation or web-pages so that we can amend our information.

The list is far from complete. There are many thousands of charities, and we hope to expand our coverage in future. Please let us know if you have any information that may be useful, or if you need help in approaching organisations.

We are very grateful to all those who responded to this appeal for information, and who have thereby made valuable contributions to this update.

Please note: When “q.v.” (quod vide) follows the name of an organisation, information about that organisation will be found under its own entry.

# CHARITIES

## ACTION CANCER

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ACTION ON ADDICTION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ACTION RESEARCH

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*Otherwise/Formerly: Action Research for the Crippled Child (ARCC) / National Fund for Research into Crippling Diseases; incorporating SPARKS - Sport Aiding Research into Crippling Diseases.*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

In 1987 ARCC spent £45,000 on research into pre-natal screening for osteogenesis imperfecta (Brittle Bones), for which there is no treatment, and in 1988 ARCC spent over £40,000 to “perfect” Chorionic Villus Sampling (CVS), a pre-natal test for chromosomal abnormalities like Down’s syndrome, and to develop screening tests for congenital deafness. No pre-natal treatment is available for these conditions either, and most unborn babies found to have Down’s syndrome are aborted.

More recently Action Research claimed it had a “clear policy” not to support research using human embryos, and that it does not condone abortion. Action Research suggests that the fact that it funds research into pre-natal testing does not imply a pro-abortion stance, and says, “We do not believe that disease can be prevented by ‘killing’ [their inverted commas] the patient” (personal letter 24/9/97).

Research by scientists from Manchester University and the University of Iowa, funded by Action Research and the Wellcome Trust (q.v.), identified the gene for Van der Woude syndrome, which causes cleft lip and palate. This could facilitate testing unborn children for the condition by tests such as CVS or by pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (PGD) in which disabled embryos are discarded. (cf. The Guardian 2/9/02)

## AGE CARE - THE ROYAL SURGICAL AID SOCIETY

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

### AGE CONCERN

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The “Millennium Debate of the Age” document, co-ordinated by Age Concern, included sections arguing in favour of living wills, withdrawal of food and fluids from people in persistent vegetative states, and citing polls favouring voluntary euthanasia. It argued that pro-life people did not “have a right to prevent abortions” or to prevent voluntary euthanasia, and that euthanasia should therefore be allowed. (October 1998)

The document also stated that “being kept forcibly alive” was “a kind of harm”. The Study Group which produced this document was chaired by Professor John Harris (University of Manchester), who is a strong advocate of both abortion and voluntary euthanasia.

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.).*

## AIDS CARE, EDUCATION AND TRAINING ORGANISATION

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Provides home help care for people with AIDS. “We would wholly be against euthanasia of any description. We take a strongly pro-life view”. (Westminster & Pimlico News, 13/5/92)

## ALZHEIMER’S [DISEASE] SOCIETY

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

While representatives of the Society have spoken out against euthanasia in the past, the Society has adopted Britt Ekland, an outspoken advocate of euthanasia, as a spokesman. (Sunday Telegraph Rx supplement, 6/7/97)

On the other hand, Mr Brian Roycroft, as chairman of the Alzheimer’s Disease Society, said in 1995 that he was firmly against euthanasia on moral grounds (Northern Echo, 21/10/95).

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL *(updated entry)*

Amnesty International has stated that abortion does not generally fall within its remit because it is not used as a punishment inflicted upon people by their respective governments. However, it has described abortion as “a freedom of individual citizens” (unsigned personal letter, Amnesty International Information Office, 13/2/96).

On 5 June 2000, following the ‘Beijing +5’ United Nations conference on women’s issues, Amnesty International issued a press statement attacking the Holy See and other countries for opposing a document that included pro-abortion phraseology – wording that promoted abortion as a human right.

Kate Allen, director of Amnesty International UK, subsequently denied that Amnesty wanted abortion to be established as a human right, and asserted that their concern was for women’s education and other issues in the same document. It appears that Amnesty expected the Vatican and others to overlook references to abortion in the document. (Catholic Herald, 16 June 2000, 7 July 2000)

## A.M.R.C.

See “Association of Medical Research Charities”

## ANNA FUND

Firmly pro-life. Sponsors research into the causes of Down’s syndrome and to discover a cure. It also sponsors research into other disabling conditions and aims to disseminate the results to the medical profession. It assists families in meeting the costs of taking their Down’s syndrome children to therapy sessions, and liaises closely with local health authorities, children’s GPs and other medical practitioners. It is named after the late Anna McKean, who had Down’s syndrome and was the granddaughter of SPUC vice-president Dr Margaret White.

## ANTENATAL RESULTS AND CHOICES

*(updated entry)*

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Formerly known as “Support Around Termination for Foetal Abnormality”. Organised a mass lobby in January 1988 to oppose David Alton’s Abortion Amendment Bill, which sought to reduce the number of late abortions. An article in the SATFA Newsletter (June 1988) stated: “Members of SATFA have worked very hard to register their opposition to the (Alton) Bill at all stages of its passage through the House of Commons... SATFA as an organisation wrote on behalf of its membership to every MP before the second reading.” Thus SATFA, while claiming to offer support to women after abortion on the grounds of disability, actively supports the continuing provision of such abortions.

Now renamed “Antenatal Results and Choices”, a name which “symbolises the importance of supporting pregnant women through difficult situations, whatever their decision.” (The Guardian 5/11/98)

The ARC website ([www.arc-uk.org](http://www.arc-uk.org), as at 28/4/03) explains that it offers “information and support to parents who are: making decisions during the antenatal testing process; told that their unborn baby has an abnormality; having to make difficult decisions about continuing the pregnancy; having to make difficult decisions about ending the pregnancy”. The ARC parents’ handbook (summarised on the website, 28/4/03) includes information on “how your pregnancy will be terminated”, and how to cope after the abortion.

### A.R.C.

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See “Antenatal Results and Choices”

## ARTHRITIS AND RHEUMATISM COUNCIL

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The Arthritis and Rheumatism Council supports genetic research “which can be combined with knowledge about genetic mutations within families to make a more foolproof diagnostic and pre-natal test available for Marfan Syndrome”. (Marfan Association UK Newsletter, March 1994)

## ARTHRITIS CARE

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“We (are) involved in working with and for people with arthritis. We do not carry out any kind of research and thus do not need an ethical research policy.” (Personal letter, 1/7/98)

## ARTHRITIS RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL CANCER RESEARCH

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ASSOCIATION OF MEDICAL RESEARCH CHARITIES *(updated entry)*

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The Association of Medical Research Charities is an umbrella body representing some of the most powerful medical research charities. As a charity itself, the AMRC has campaigned in support of experimentation on human embryos, screening to eliminate the risk of inherited diseases, and to allow its member bodies “freedom of choice” in deciding how they might engage in embryo research. It has also lobbied for embryo experimentation to help create a “contraceptive vaccine” to “influence world population problems.” (AMRC position statement “Embryo Research”, November 1989; Letter to MPs, 20/3/90)

An AMRC briefing entitled *Cloning Explained*, published in 1999, stated that proposals by the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority to extend the grounds for human embryo research seemed “eminently sensible.”

The AMRC statement on *Human Embryo and Stem Cell Research* (revised September 2000) stated that the AMRC “and its member organisations” supported both the continuation of human embryo research and extending that research.

## ASSOCIATION FOR SPINA BIFIDA AND HYDROCEPHALUS *(updated entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

ASBAH says it has had “no discussion of” cloning and embryo research issues, and that it therefore has “no agreed policy on the matter”. (Personal letter 15/5/00)

ASBAH has funded research to discover if it is possible to predict “the outcome of pregnancy” when the baby has a mild or moderate degree of disability “to see whether antenatal scan results can be a predictor of future developmental progress.” (Link magazine, 5/99)

ASBAH’s policy on abortion is that: “Parents are left to make their own decision on whether to allow the pregnancy to proceed or not and ASBAH will respect whichever decision they make. ASBAH’s position is that individuals have ... a right to their own ethical and religious standpoints.” (Letter, 30/5/00)

## ATAXIA

Formerly known as “Friedreich’s Ataxia Group”

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ATAXIA-TELANGIECTASIA SOCIETY

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

Funds research, supports families and raises awareness. The charity supports research on embryonic stem cells. A research update appearing on their website (25/4/03) stated: “Work on gene therapy for genetic disorders is continuing and the development of embryonic stem cell research also adds to the hope that eventually some form of gene therapy may be possible for A-T.”

## BACK CARE *(new entry)*

Formerly the National Back Pain Association

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BARNARDO'S**

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No policy on abortion. Helps couples adopt children regardless of orientation. Places disabled children for adoption.

## **BBC CHILDREN IN NEED APPEAL**

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In October 1991 it was reported that Children in Need donated £7,500 to the pro-abortion Brook Advisory Centres (q.v.). However, there have been no recurrences of this in recent years, as far as we are aware. In 1994-95 it authorised grants of £10,250 to the Down's Syndrome Association (q.v.); £24,500 to ASBAH (q.v.); £34,400 to the Muscular Dystrophy Group of GB & NI (over 2 years); £25,000 to the Marfan Association U.K. (BBC Children in Need - Grants Listings, 1994/5; c.f. BBC CIN annual report 2001/2002)

## **BARNWOOD HOUSE TRUST** *(new entry)*

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BIRTH DEFECTS FOUNDATION** *(updated entry)*

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"Our research also recognises the role of prenatal diagnosis in offering choices to couples who might be facing the possibility of a handicapped child." (BDF webpage [http://www.birthdefects.co.uk/bdf\\_may01/pages/research/research\\_portfol.htm](http://www.birthdefects.co.uk/bdf_may01/pages/research/research_portfol.htm) )

In 1997 BDF made a grant for "Early embryonic imprinting" [http://www.birthdefects.co.uk/bdf\\_may01/pages/research/grants\\_made.htm](http://www.birthdefects.co.uk/bdf_may01/pages/research/grants_made.htm)

The BDF Medical and Scientific Advisory Panel includes Professor Marcus Pembrey, Mothercare Professor of Paediatric Genetics at the Institute of Child Health, and Trustee of 'Progress' (q.v.).

Professor Pembrey is also on the Council of the Galton Institute, formerly known as The Eugenics Society.

## **BIRTHRIGHT**

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Now known as "Wellbeing" (q.v.)

## **BLACKIE FOUNDATION TRUST** *(new entry)*

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRAIN RESEARCH TRUST**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## **BREAKTHROUGH BREAST CANCER**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

Breakthrough was set up to establish a dedicated breast cancer research centre. "I am glad to tell you that research involving human embryos at any stage of development - live or otherwise - will never be conducted in the Centre." (Letter from Alison Innes, Appeals Manager, 27/10/95)

## **BREAST CANCER CAMPAIGN**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH COUNCIL FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS** *(new entry)*

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH DEAF ASSOCIATION** *(updated entry)*

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There is a possibility that deaf parents could in future deliberately choose to have a deaf child, by having IVF and selecting an embryo which has a condition leading to deafness. The technique could also be used to choose a child without such a condition.

A spokesman for the BDA said: "Every parent has their own expectations and preferences. Unless you say that a deaf person's life is less valid than a hearing person's, the decisions have to be made in exactly the same way. We would be extremely concerned about attempts to obliterate deafness from society through genetic engineering." (Daily Mail 22/9/00)

If a child were selected in this way, embryos which did not carry the required genes would be rejected, possibly to be used for experiments or flushed down the sink.

## BRITISH DIABETIC ASSOCIATION

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Now known as Diabetes UK (q.v.)

## BRITISH HEART FOUNDATION *(updated entry)*

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

In a statement on Human Embryo and Stem Cell Research, the British Heart Foundation say: "...the best source of stem cells is human embryos...." This statement is disputable. Research using adult stem cells, ethically obtained, has made much greater progress in recent years, and is much closer to producing practical treatments. The BHF continue: "These stem cells are from a human embryo which is less than 14 days old. This is a tiny ball of a few hundred cells, smaller than a pin-head..." In the context, this wording seems to suggest that the human embryo is so small as to be insignificant. BHF go on to say, "Some people will never agree with research using cells obtained from embryos. However, in our view, if appropriate safeguards are in place, the ethical argument is outweighed by the many achievable benefits to living patients. The BHF does not currently fund any research carried out on human embryonic stem cells. But research is being funded into animal stem cell research which is already producing exciting results and laying the foundations for future developments." It would appear that the BHF may be prepared to fund research using human embryos in the future.

<http://www.bhf.org.uk/research/index.asp?secondlevel=70&thirdlevel=344>

## BRITISH HOMEOPATHIC ASSOCIATION

*(new entry)*

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## BRITISH INSTITUTE FOR BRAIN-INJURED CHILDREN

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BIBIC assists parents in promoting the development of brain injured children. The organisation spoke out against a request by the parents of Ian Stewart (who was left brain injured after major heart surgery) that he should be given a lethal injection.

Judith Rugg of BIBIC said, "It's incredibly sad, but there is always hope." M/s Rugg invited the parents to bring Ian to them so that they could try to help.

## **BRITISH LIVER TRUST**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH LUNG FOUNDATION**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH NEUROLOGICAL RESEARCH TRUST**

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*(new entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH PREGNANCY ADVISORY SERVICE**

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BPAS, while a registered charity, is Britain's largest private provider of abortions. It supports the Voice for Choice campaign to secure abortion on request throughout the UK (BPAS webpage <http://www.bpas.org/page.asp?id=50&page=58&cont=62> )

BPAS also supplies abortifacient birth control drugs (including morning-after pills) and devices (IUDs).

## **BRITISH RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA SOCIETY**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **BRITISH SCOLIOSIS SOCIETY**

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Supporting genetic research "which can be combined with knowledge about genetic mutation within families to make a more foolproof diagnostic and prenatal test available for Marfan Syndrome." (Marfan Association UK Newsletter, March 1994)

## BRITISH SJÖGREN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

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(new entry)

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## BRITISH VASCULAR FOUNDATION

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(new entry)

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## BROOK ADVISORY CENTRES

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Originally an offshoot of the Family Planning Association, Brook was set up to pioneer the provision of birth control to youth (including under-sixteens). Brook offers abortion advice, and supplies morning-after pills which can induce abortion when conception has occurred. Brook's "confidentiality" policy forbids informing the parents about their children's activities. Although not licensed to provide abortion directly, Brook arranges abortion referrals for those clients who, under counselling, "choose to terminate their pregnancies".

## BUPA FOUNDATION

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(new entry)

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

In 2001 the Foundation gave an award to the creators of teenage health website [www.teenagehealthfreak.org](http://www.teenagehealthfreak.org) which encourages teenage girls who are worried that they may be pregnant to obtain the abortifacient morning-after pill. The site also offers detailed advice about access to abortion; claims that legal abortion is "very safe" for the mother; encourages girls who think they might want an abortion to "act straight away"; and endorses a leaflet on abortion by the Family Planning Association (q.v.). (BUPA Foundation website [http://www.bupafoundation.com/html/news/2001\\_winners.html](http://www.bupafoundation.com/html/news/2001_winners.html) ; see also <http://www.doctorann.org/sex/abortion/index.asp> )

In 2000 the Foundation gave an award to Alec Welsh, a Wellbeing research fellow in foetal medicine to develop "techniques to improve the monitoring and diagnosis of unborn babies, including those that are not growing properly."

## CALCUTTA RESCUE

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Calcutta Rescue “works to improve the health and quality of life of the destitute and socially disadvantaged of Calcutta and rural West Bengal” (website, 15/4/03). This includes the provision and promotion of contraceptive methods (*Clinic News*, Autumn 2000) including, it seems, the abortifacient intra-uterine device (*Clinic News*, Spring 1999).

According to the charity’s report published in October 1991, while some patients are referred to Mother Teresa’s Missionaries of Charity, others are referred to Marie Stopes International for sterilisation and abortions.

## CAMPAIGN FOR MENTALLY HANDICAPPED PEOPLE (VALUES INTO ACTION)

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Against the killing of newborn disabled babies. No policy on abortion. Promotes “self advocacy” for people with mental handicaps to enable them to speak out in defence of their own rights.

## CANCER & LEUKAEMIA IN CHILDHOOD

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CLIC indicate that there have been occasions when they have carried out research on a stillborn foetus, but they have stated that: “I can assure you that this would always be a child who had died naturally” (i.e. not an aborted baby).

## CANCER RESEARCH CAMPAIGN

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The Cancer Research Campaign amalgamated with the Imperial Cancer Research Fund in February 2002 to form “Cancer Research UK” (q.v.)

Before this, the CRC said that it did not conduct or fund research on human embryos, but acknowledged that it was a member of the AMRC (q.v.) which supports embryo research.

“We do have an affiliation with the AMRC and this is something that we feel is a necessity for us. We, however, are not involved with experimentation on embryos directly.” (Personal letter 29/1/02)

## CANCER RESEARCH UK

*(new entry)*

CRUK was formed in February 2002 as an amalgamation of the Cancer Research Campaign (q.v.) and the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (q.v.).

Since this merger, there is no information to suggest that CRUK has engaged in unethical research on human embryos, embryonic stem cells or foetal tissue.

Prior to votes in the UK Parliament on embryo research in December 2001, Sir Paul Nurse, joint Director General of Cancer Research UK, told a news conference that cloning human embryos for research should be permitted (<http://www.multsclerosis.org/news/Dec2001/MedicalNobelPrizeWinnersStemCellCloning.html> as of May 2003)

However, the Imperial Cancer Research Fund (q.v.) has admitted in the past to using tissue from aborted babies obtained from the Medical Research Council's tissue bank to create tissue cultures. Whether this side of the ICRF's work has been repudiated following the merger with the Cancer Research Campaign in 2002 is not known.

ICRF also supported "Progress" (q.v.), which campaigned in favour of human embryo research. In 1990 Major-General Alastair W Dennis, chairman of the AMRC (q.v.) and secretary of ICRF at the time, wrote to MPs and urged them not to ban research involving the creation of human embryos in the laboratory (Letter, 20/3/90).

## CAPABILITY SCOTLAND

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This charity was set up to help children with cerebral palsy by parents who found that there was a lack of appropriate services. They have complained that "the tragedy is that while millions are spent on the search for the 'perfect' baby, a comparative pittance is invested in promising lives (of those with disabilities)." (The Herald, Glasgow, 8/9/98)

## CARE INTERNATIONAL UK

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(Formerly “Care Britain”; usually referred to simply as Care. This is the UK wing of CARE INTERNATIONAL. It should not be confused with “Christian Action Research & Education” - also known as “CARE”, the major evangelical lobby group.)

Care International promotes family planning as “the best way to help diminish poverty and lower population growth rates”. The Care population programme “operates on the principles that the full range of family planning methods should be made available and that women and couples should be provided with the information needed to make informed choices about the method they prefer.” (Personal letter 5/5/02)

It may be presumed that the “full range of family planning methods” includes some which are abortifacient in nature, such as the intra-uterine device.

## CARING MATTERS

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*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## CATHOLIC CHILD WELFARE COUNCIL

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Represents the 18 regional children’s societies of the Catholic Church in England and Wales. Most member societies are adoption agencies, and many provide pro-life counselling and support for expectant mothers. Each is independently run and has its own policies. Affiliated diocesan groups include:

CATHOLIC CARE, NORTH EAST.

CATHOLIC CARING SERVICES (LANCASTER DIOCESE).

CATHOLIC CHILD WELFARE SOCIETY (MIDDLESBROUGH DIOCESE).

CATHOLIC CHILDREN AND FAMILY CARE SOCIETY (WALES).

CATHOLIC CHILDREN’S SOCIETY (SALFORD, BRENTWOOD, CLIFTON, NORTHAMPTON, NOTTINGHAM, PLYMOUTH AND SHREWSBURY DIOCESES AND SOUTHWARK AND WESTMINSTER ARCHDIOCESES).

CATHOLIC SOCIAL WELFARE SOCIETY (LEEDS DIOCESE).

## CEREBRA (THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BRAIN INJURED CHILD)

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(Formerly “Rescue: The Foundation for the Brain Injured Infant”: name changed August 2002)

“No animal or embryo research is funded.” (Parent Bulletin (Rescue Foundation Parents, Network) Spring 2001)

“All our babies are precious and we do not promote abortion, euthanasia or inhumane animal research as credible solutions.” (leaflet – in circulation Sept 1999)

## CHESHIRE FOUNDATION

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Pro-life. Works with disabled people and those in need.

## CFS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## CHEST, HEART & STROKE ASSOCIATION SCOTLAND

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## CHILDREN'S AID DIRECT

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(Formerly “Feed the Children”)

This charity admits to providing advice on abortion. A letter received in 1999 stated: “In terms of our policy on contraception and abortion, we provide support to the local family planning services and therefore our work will vary according to the cultural settings. For example, in Azerbaijan we provide direct support to family planning services including contraception and abortion advice. In other countries, where it may not be appropriate, we do not provide advice on abortion specifically but do provide family planning and contraceptive advice as part of the full range of primary health care services.” (Personal letter 16/8/99)

## CHILDREN IN NEED

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See “BBC Children in Need”.

## CHILDREN NATIONWIDE MEDICAL RESEARCH FUND

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## CHILDREN OF THE ANDES

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Works with street children in Colombia. Abortion is illegal in Colombia, and is not part of Children of the Andes' programme, but contraception is made available to all who "require" it; "...the population growth rate is very high ... which contributes to the number of children living on the street". (Personal letter, 12/10/92)

## CHILDREN'S LIVER DISEASE FOUNDATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## CHRISTIAN AID

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*(updated entry)*

Christian Aid claims not to support abortion, but it has taken an equivocal position in practice. In 1993, Rev Michael Taylor, the charity's director, wrote:

"We cannot give you any categorical assurance that the organisations we work with and the programmes we fund are not involved in abortion or sterilisation. We are of course adamantly opposed to any element of coercion... in our support for Mother and Child Health programmes, we do not rule out abortion; and it would be surprising if some of those programmes do not at least refer women for abortions." (Letter from Rev Michael Taylor, Director of Christian Aid, 14/1/93)

Mr Taylor later sought to clarify Christian Aid's position on abortion by quoting a "Board minute" from 1994 which stated that:

"...We believe people in poor communities, as part of broader health programmes, should have access to the same information, advice and opportunities as people have here, and then be free to choose" but that "Christian Aid does not support abortion clinics and does not promote abortion or regard it as a desirable form of birth control..."

However, to promote access in the developing world to the same “opportunities” and freedom of choice which people have here would include access to abortion.

More recent statements by Christian Aid have shown similar equivocation. In 2000 the official Board position of Christian Aid was that it:

“does not support abortion clinics and does not promote abortion or regard it as a desirable form of birth control. Christian Aid works hard with partners overseas to remove or alleviate the extreme conditions of poverty that can sometimes lead people to consider abortion as an option. Christian Aid has given a categorical assurance to supporters that it will not use Christian Aid Week income to fund health programmes anywhere which could in any way give rise to concern.” (Statement by Christian Aid, 16/5/00)

There remains cause for concern until Christian Aid provides categorical assurance that the organisations they work with and the programmes they fund are not involved in providing or referring for abortion.

## **CHRISTIAN CHILDREN’S FUND**

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Has merged with the European Children’s Trust (q.v.), formerly the Romanian Orphanages Trust, to form a new group called “Everychild.” (c.f. *The Times* 26/7/02)

## **CHRONIC DISEASE RESEARCH FOUNDATION**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## **CHRONIC GRANULOMATOUS DISORDER RESEARCH TRUST**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## COMIC RELIEF

*(updated entry)*

Comic Relief is itself not a charity but a fund-raising company which covenants all its profits to the registered charity called Charity Projects.

Charity Projects has a record of supporting all the major UK-based promoters and providers of abortion. In the year to June 1994, Charity Projects/Comic Relief paid £61,363 to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF, q.v.) and allocated them £102,112. They gave Marie Stopes International (MSI, q.v.) £25,003, and Brook Advisory Centre (q.v.) in London £10,000 in the same year. (Charity Projects/Comic Relief accounts to June 1994)

The charity has also funded pro-abortion groups operating in Africa. For example, in the year to June 1995, Charity Projects/Comic Relief gave IPPF £28,174 for a project in “adolescent reproductive health and family planning” in Ethiopia, and £5,125 to Population Concern (which promotes abortion internationally) for “strengthening family planning” in Sierra Leone.

In a letter dated 23 May 2000, Comic Relief claim: “We have made no grants to family planning organisations since Red Nose Day 1997.” In their grant allocation report for July 1999 – June 2000, Comic Relief indicate that £51,953 was paid to Marie Stopes International for “Health and Family Planning for Women”.

Comic Relief say that they have never paid for an actual abortion procedure. We do not allege that Comic Relief money is used to fund abortion directly. It goes to organisations that provide and promote abortion.

In December 2000 CR asserted that they did “not fund, and have never funded, abortion services or the promotion of abortions” (assurance given to the Catholic bishops of England and Wales). However, their own accounts show that they have funded abortion providers and that they continue to fund leading abortion promoters. Between July 2000 and June 2001, CR gave £24,000 to Population Concern. (CR accounts to June 2001).

## CONCERN WORLDWIDE

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In a supplement in the Observer (16/10/94) on the work of Concern Worldwide, stopping population growth is repeatedly singled out as the most important issue in the populous countries where the charity is active - especially Bangladesh. In the supplement a case of a Bangladeshi mother with three children undergoing an abortion despite being able to afford a larger family is described as a mark of the "success" of a government-sponsored campaign in which "saturation television and radio coverage has rammed home the economic benefits of fewer children".

In a personal letter from Concern's Development Officer Sarah Molloy (16/10/95), it is stated that while Concern "does not actually have a specific policy on abortion" its health education programmes provide information about "birth control choices available".

## CYSTIC FIBROSIS TRUST

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

In 1989, this charity favoured genetic testing of unborn children to discover if they had cystic fibrosis (newsletter, 6 July 1989). They were also in favour of embryo experimentation.

Health and Fitness magazine (June 1990) reported that the Trust was funding pilot schemes to screen adults for the CF gene so that during pregnancy they could have prenatal screening, and any affected baby could be aborted.

## DEBRA (Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa Research Association) UK

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

DEBRA "enabl[es] prenatal diagnosis to be made at a much earlier stage". (DEBRA UK website <http://www.debra.org.uk/aboutdebl> )

## DEFEATING DEAFNESS *(updated entry)*

Also known as the Hearing Research Trust.

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

“There is now a huge interest and activity in exploring the potential of various types of stem cell to repair tissues that do not normally regenerate. New ideas and results are pouring from laboratories across the world, and governments are busy trying to prepare legislation that will allow measured, beneficial progress... Embryonic ‘ear stem cells’ or ‘ear cell progenitors’ from embryonic mice have been established using a genetic modification similar to one that has proved successful with brain cells.” (Defeating Deafness website <http://www.defeatingdeafness.org/?lid=700> as at May 2003) It is not clear from the Defeating Deafness website whether Defeating Deafness would support or fund research using human embryonic stem cells.

## DIABETES RESEARCH AND WELLNESS FOUNDATION *(new entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## DIABETES UK *(updated entry)*

(Formerly British Diabetic Association)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

Diabetes UK’s position statement on stem cell research and diabetes (dated February 2002) states that “Diabetes UK’s Board of Trustees has agreed to support stem cell research both publicly and financially through our research grant programme”. The position statement endorses the creation of and research upon human embryos created through cell nuclear replacement, i.e. cloning human embryos to be used in research (often called “therapeutic cloning”). <http://www.diabetes.org.uk/infocentre/state/stemcell.doc>

On 10 April 2003 issued a press release headed “Diabetes UK condemns the vote by Members of the European Parliament (MEPs) to ban the use of embryonic stem cells in research” (Diabetes UK press release 10 April 2003 <http://www.diabetes.org.uk/news/apr03/stem.htm> )

## DIANA, PRINCESS OF WALES MEMORIAL FUND

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This Fund, with Wellbeing (q.v.), is funding work to develop a new technique of non-invasive prenatal screening for disabilities such as Down's syndrome. (The Times 23/4/99)

In 2000, the Fund granted a £67,089 award to Y Care International (q.v.) over three years "for the provision of ...sexual health advice" in Liberia. (Fund website [http://www.theworkcontinues.org/grants/3\\_4\\_2\\_afterconflict\\_2000.htm](http://www.theworkcontinues.org/grants/3_4_2_afterconflict_2000.htm) )

In 2001, the Fund granted a £25,000 award to the Family Planning Association (q.v.) "towards the production of a workbook focusing on sex education and relationships for young people with learning disabilities to use with their parents, carers and teachers." (Fund website [http://www.theworkcontinues.org/grants/3\\_3\\_5\\_learning\\_2001.htm](http://www.theworkcontinues.org/grants/3_3_5_learning_2001.htm) )

The Fund also finances palliative care programmes overseas. [http://www.theworkcontinues.org/causes/2\\_2\\_palliative.htm](http://www.theworkcontinues.org/causes/2_2_palliative.htm)

## DIGESTIVE DISORDERS FOUNDATION

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## DOWN'S SYNDROME ASSOCIATION

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Carol Boys, Director of the DSA said, "...We fully support people whether they want to terminate a pregnancy or not..." (Sunday Times 4/7/99) Regarding the case of pregnant women mistakenly told there was a low chance their unborn baby had Down's syndrome, when in fact it was high, Carol Boys "pointed out that the group (DSA) was not a pro-life organisation." (Electronic Telegraph 31/5/00)

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## EAST GRINSTEAD MEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## EMF BIOLOGICAL RESEARCH TRUST

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ENABLE (WORKING IN INDIA)

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(Formerly “Kanigiri Disabled Children’s Centre”)

Enable has centres for disabled children from poor families in South India, and provides education, vocational training and medical treatment. The Director is a Catholic priest and the Centre has a pro-life ethos.

## EPILEPSY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## ETHIOPIAID

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In response to an enquiry about their policy on abortion and euthanasia, Tom Lovell, EthiopiAid’s administrator, wrote: “I can assure you ... that the work we do in Ethiopia is designed to keep people alive. In a country where every day is a fight for survival there is absolutely no need to practise euthanasia or abortion.” (Personal letter, 20/10/95)

## EUROPEAN CHILDREN’S TRUST

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Formerly known as the Romanian Orphanages Trust (q.v.). Now merged with the Christian Children’s Fund of Great Britain (q.v.) to form a new charity called “Everychild”. (*The Times* 26/7/02)

## EVERYCHILD

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A group formed by the merger of the European Children’s Trust (q.v.) and the Christian Children’s Fund of Great Britain. (*The Times* 26/7/02)

## FAMILY PLANNING ASSOCIATION (FPA)

*(updated entry)*

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FPA is one of Britain's leading pro-abortion organisations. It is a member of the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the world's leading promoter of abortion. The FPA is also a member of "Voice for Choice" which describes itself as "the Campaign to Secure Abortion on Request Throughout the UK" (Letter from VFC to all MPs 31/3/98). It is an "abortion referral body for the 1.6 million people of Ulster" (The Times 21/8/99). It defended the use and supply of the abortifacient morning-after pill against SPUC's legal challenge to the Government in 2002.

## FOUNDATION FOR LIVER RESEARCH

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

Formerly the Liver Research Trust.

## FOUNDATION FOR NEPHROLOGY

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Now closed down. Formerly member of AMRC.

## FOUNDATION FOR THE STUDY OF INFANT DEATHS

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

In response to an inquiry by a prospective donor, the Foundation said, "You asked us... to provide an assurance that no work supported directly or indirectly by FSID involves the use of embryos or unborn babies. Having checked with our Research Department, I can happily provide this." (Personal letter 10/1/01)

## FRIEDREICH'S ATAXIA GROUP

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Now known as Ataxia (q.v.).

## FRIENDS OF THE EARTH

“Whilst we recognise that population growth puts pressure on the world’s natural resources, in our view it is not the main cause of environmental degradation.

“We do not have a position on abortion, as this is not an area we work on.” (Letter from Michael Walton, Information and Enquiries Officer, 20/10/95)

## GENETIC INTEREST GROUP

Commenting on an American scientist who asked an ethics committee for permission to conduct gene therapy experiments on disabled babies scheduled for abortion, the director of the Genetic Interest Group, Alastair Kent, said that refusing to contemplate it would “cut off a line of research which may be the best hope for some of these disorders”. (Daily Telegraph 8/10/98)

## GLOBAL CARE (CHRISTIAN ACTION FOR THE WORLD’S CHILDREN IN NEED)

A representative of Global Care has written: “I can assure you that none of our donated funds go towards the provision of, or counselling for, either abortion or contraception”. (Letter, 25/4/93)

## GOODWILL CHRISTMAS CARDS & GIFTS

Goodwill produces a Christmas card and gift catalogue which benefits the following charities:

MENCAP (q.v.), RSPCA, NSPCC (q.v.), the British Red Cross (q.v.), RSPB, Diabetes UK (q.v.), Cancer Research UK (q.v.), the Multiple Sclerosis Society (q.v.), the Whale & Dolphin Conservation Society, and Shelter.

## GREAT ORMOND STREET HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN

The research arm of the Hospital is the Institute of Child Health, where Marcus Pembrey is currently (as of April 2003) the Professor of Paediatric Genetics. Professor Pembrey has said, “Genetic knowledge can impose a burden of choice - a

choice of whether to forego children, trust to luck, or seek prenatal diagnosis with the option of abortion if the baby is affected.” (Genetics - a simple guide, Channel 4/Progress Educational Trust, 1994, p2).

He describes prenatal diagnosis as “an integral part of clinical genetic services”, and among the objectives of such tests he includes enabling couples to “avoid the birth of seriously affected children through termination of an affected pregnancy.” (Ibid, p 9)

Professor Pembrey is chairman of the trustees of Progress (q.v.). He was opposed to a ban on the use of egg cells taken from aborted female infants in IVF treatment. (New Scientist, 18 June 1994)

## GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND ASSOCIATION

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## GUY'S AND ST. THOMAS' (HOSPITALS) CHARITABLE FOUNDATION

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## HAEMOPHILIA SOCIETY *(updated entry)*

The Haemophilia Society website presents abortion and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis as legitimate “medical techniques” for women “to prevent the birth of a child with haemophilia”. It suggests the pro-abortion British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) (q.v.) for advice and information on deciding about abortion. (Haemophilia Society webpage published June 2001, revised April 2003 <http://www.haemophilia.org.uk/publications/genecarrier2.htm> )

## HALLAM DIOCESAN CARING SERVICE

Affiliated to Catholic Child Welfare Council (q.v.).

## HANDICAPPED CHILDREN'S PILGRIMAGE TRUST

Organises pilgrimages for handicapped children. Pro-life.

## HEADWAY

(new entry)

Headway's policy position on patients in Persistent Vegetative State (PVS) supports the withdrawal of tube-feeding from PVS patients. (Headway policy position, current as of April 2003 <http://www.headway.org.uk/default.asp?step=4&pid=103> )

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## HEALING FOUNDATION, THE

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## HEALTH UNLIMITED

(new entry)

Supports "sexual and reproductive health" programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America. (Health Unlimited website as of April 2003 <http://www.healthunlimited.org/projects/index.htm> and <http://www.healthunlimited.org/projects/AR%20Project%20update.pdf>)

## HEARING RESEARCH TRUST

Also known as Defeating Deafness (q.v.).

## HELEN HOUSE

Helen House is a Hospice caring for very sick and terminally-ill children. No policy on abortion.

## HELP A LONDON CHILD APPEAL

Contributed £1,500 to Brook Advisory Centres (q.v.) in 1989-90.

## HELP THE AGED

(new entry)

Help the Aged's policy statement on end-of-life issues contains a number of propositions which would encourage the pro-euthanasia lobby. For instance, they endorse the British Medical Association's guidance *Withdrawing and Withholding Life Prolonging Treatment*, which supports euthanasia by denial of tube-feeding to incapacitated patients; they define tube feeding as medical treatment; and they say that a good death is one in which the person retains his or her autonomy.

However, their statement also asserts that euthanasia and assisted suicide are illegal in the UK and that Help the Aged would not be in favour of any moves towards their legalisation (Help the Aged Policy Statement December 2002 [http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/Viewpoint/Policy/\\_default.htm](http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/Viewpoint/Policy/_default.htm) )

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## HUMAN RIGHTS SOCIETY

Pro-life. Anti-euthanasia.

## HUNTINGTON'S DISEASE ASSOCIATION

*(updated entry)*

The HD Association say they have contributed to research involving a clinical trial transplanting striatal brain tissue obtained from aborted babies into the brains of Huntington's Disease sufferers. (HD webpage October 2000 <http://www.hda.org.uk/research/rs016.html> ; HD Association Newsletter. Autumn 2000). An HD Association fact sheet presents IVF, artificial insemination by donor, and prenatal testing as legitimate options (HD Association fact sheet "Predictive Testing for Huntington's Disease, as of April 2003 <http://www.hda.org.uk/download/acrobat/hdaf003.pdf> ).

The HD Association welcomed the freeing with a 'formal admonition' of a man in Glasgow who killed his brother, who had Huntington's Disease. The *Independent* (15/10/96) reported that the Association was "pleased by the outcome of the trial, despite its policy of neutrality on euthanasia. Chairwoman Sue Watkin said, 'We're glad this man has been shown compassion'."

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## IMPACT FOUNDATION

"The whole thrust of IMPACT's work is on the prevention and alleviation of causes of needless disability ... We do not promote any form of birth control in our programme, nor do we have any policy to do so. At the same time, we are not members of the AMRC." (Personal letter 15/11/01)

## IIMPERIAL CANCER RESEARCH FUND

The Imperial Cancer Research Fund amalgamated with the Cancer Research Campaign in February 2002, to form Cancer Research UK (q.v.).

ICRF has admitted in the past to using tissue from aborted babies obtained from the Medical Research Council's tissue bank to create tissue cultures. This was not for use in treatment of cancer patients, but was mainly done by ICRF researchers working on the Human Genome Project. (Letters: 2/10/96, 23/10/95, 27/11/95)

In a 1998 letter, a representative wrote: "The ICRF does not use tissue from aborted human babies in any of our research units. We do not carry out embryonic research on human foetuses. Mouse and chicken embryos are sometimes used when alternatives are not available." (Personal letter 2/12/98)

Just before the critical votes in Parliament on embryology in 1990, the secretary of ICRF, Major-General Alastair W Dennis, in his capacity as chairman of the AMRC, wrote to MPs urging them not to ban research involving the creation of human embryos in the laboratory (letter, 20/3/90). Among the reasons for supporting such research was "the development of a contraceptive vaccine with a potential for major influence on world population problems". ICRF's Head of Public Relations, Janice Wilkins, subsequently stated that ICRF's "view on embryo research is the same as that of the Association of Medical Research Charities" (Letter, 30/7/90).

ICRF has also supported "Progress" (q.v.) which campaigns in favour of human embryo research.

## INSPIRE FOUNDATION

Also known as "Integrated Spinal Rehabilitation Foundation"

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## INSTITUTE OF CHILD HEALTH

Research arm of Great Ormond Street Hospital for Children (q.v.)

## INTEGRATED SPINAL REHABILITATION FOUNDATION

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Also known as “Inspire Foundation”

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## INTERMEDIATE TECHNOLOGY *(updated entry)*

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“IT does not support contra-life policies ... We do not support abortion or embryo experimentation.” However, they go on to say that ““We do not believe in anyone putting unrealistic burdens on people who cannot afford contraception...” (Personal letter: 2/7/98)

Various documents on IT’s website (as at May 2003) blame rapid population growth for negative effects on society and the environment. ([www.itdg.org](http://www.itdg.org)).

## INTERNATIONAL CARE & RELIEF

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While ICR are involved in persuading indigenous peoples of Africa to use family planning methods, a representative said in 1997 that they “are not involved, in any way, in abortion or morning-after pill”. (Letter, Terri Lewis, Assistant to Executive Director, 23/4/97)

They subsequently elaborated on their position: “We do not support sterilisation or abortion in our work with communities in the developing world. We would support the use of contraception through our health training programmes where communities may be affected by HIV/AIDS as this would form part of the process of controlling the spread of this dreadful disease.” (Letter 16/3/99)

## INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION FOR HYDROCEPHALUS AND SPINA BIFIDA

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The IFHSB 12<sup>th</sup> International Conference issued a statement saying, “People with spina bifida and hydrocephalus live a full life with equal value to that of any other citizen and they should not be seen as a medical condition... Adults with spina bifida underline that their quality of life is not – and should not be given as – a reason for abortion... prenatal counselling to parents ... should be supportive, focusing on all aspects of

life with a child with impairments. This counselling should not be linked with termination or abortion. Parents deserve time to adapt to this new situation before being confronted with a proposal to terminate the pregnancy. Parents must feel free to make a choice ... Terminology such as 'secondary prevention' and 'therapeutic abortion' is misleading. The only way to prevent disability is by primary prevention, and the focus should be on this. ... All campaigns must safeguard the dignity of disabled people." (Reported in: *Link – Journal of the Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus*, November – December 2000)

## INTERNATIONAL PLANNED PARENTHOOD FEDERATION

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IPPF is the world's largest non-governmental organisation promoting abortion and population control and has its headquarters in London. It is an international federation of family planning associations.

IPPF believe that "where legal, good quality abortion services should be made easily available to all women" (Statement on abortion by the IPPF International Medical Advisory Panel, October 1983. Approved by the IPPF Central Council November 1983). However, they do not stop at advocating legal abortion. In the 1984 IPPF leaflet, *The Human Right to Family Planning*, they state: "Family Planning Associations ... should not use the absence of law or the existence of an unfavourable [i.e. pro-life] law as an excuse for inaction; action outside the law, and even in violation of it, is part of the process of stimulating change".

IPPF is funded mainly by governments, wealthy foundations and through bodies like the National Lottery.

The China Family Planning Association, which plays a central role in that country's [coercive] population control policy, is also an IPPF affiliate (IPPF website, April 03)

## INTERNATIONAL REFUGEE TRUST

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"I can confirm that the projects we fund do not support or include contraception, sterilisation or abortion." – Executive Director of IRT (Letter 29/10/98)

## INTERNATIONAL SPINAL RESEARCH TRUST

Now known as Spinal Research (q.v.)

## IRIS FUND FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003

## I.P.P.F

See “International Planned Parenthood Federation”

## JEANS FOR GENES DAY *(updated entry)*

Jeans for Genes’ website states that “The net proceeds of the 2002 Jeans for Genes Campaign will go to research projects which do not use human embryos or foetal tissue”. Jeans for Genes website, April 2003,  
[http://www.jeansforgenes.com/2\\_about/2068\\_qanda.php](http://www.jeansforgenes.com/2_about/2068_qanda.php)

It is very encouraging that they appear to be responding to pro-life concerns. However, a number of charities which support research on human embryos received funds raised by Jeans for Genes Day 2002. Charities which received funds from Jeans for Genes Day 2002 included:

Great Ormond Street Hospital Children’s Charity (GOSHCC) (q.v.)

Primary Immunodeficiency Association (PIA) (q.v.) – supports stem cell research on embryos.

Society for Mucopolysaccharide Diseases (MPS) (q.v.)

Chronic Granulomatous Disorder Research Trust (CGD RT) (q.v.)

Jennifer Trust for Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA)

Haemophilia Society (q.v.) – presents abortion, preimplantation genetic diagnosis and prenatal testing as legitimate “medical techniques” for women “to prevent the birth of a child with haemophilia”.

Alstrom Syndrome UK (AS UK)

Ataxia-Telangiectasia Society (AT) (q.v.)

(Jeans for Genes website, April 2003,  
[http://www.jeansforgenes.com/2\\_about/2068\\_qanda.php](http://www.jeansforgenes.com/2_about/2068_qanda.php))

## JUVENILE DIABETES FOUNDATION (UK)

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Following a vote by the European Parliament against destructive stem cell research on cloned human embryos, chief executive of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation Annwen Jones said, "We are disappointed at the result of this vote and its implications for research towards a cure for diabetes ... The UK has the best environment for this type of research and it is imperative it continues." (BBC News Online on 10 April 2003 <http://news.bbc.co.uk/1/hi/health/2932421.stm> )

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## KIDS

*(new entry)*

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(Working for children with special needs)

"KIDS does not have any formal policies on (abortion, pre-natal screening, embryo screening and euthanasia). In our support and counselling of parents we would treat each case on its individual merits and enable people to make choices most appropriate to their circumstances." (Personal letter 4/10/99)

## LADY HOARE TRUST FOR PHYSICALLY DISABLED CHILDREN

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No policy on abortion, embryo experiments or euthanasia.

## LEPRA

*(updated entry)*

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*No longer a member of the AMRC (q.v.)*

LEPRA's research programmes "are not concerned with embryo research or abortion... we have no policy on abortion, contraception or world population problems." (Letter 27/7/00)

## LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND

*(updated entry)*

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In email correspondence on 21 & 22 May 2001, the Fund's Clinical Information Officer stated that "To the best of our knowledge we do not currently fund, nor are we considering applications for funding of, any research involving the use of human embryonic material" and that "In the absence of any

current avenues of research which would be likely to involve use of human embryonic material it has not been considered necessary or appropriate to formulate a policy against a hypothetical (low-likelihood) possibility.” However, six days before the House of Commons voted to allow destructive embryonic stem cell research, the Fund had issued a press release stating that it was “convinced that embryonic stem cells are a legitimate area of research and will help us answer some fundamental questions about how blood cells are formed and why they become leukaemic”. (LRF press release “Stem cell research” 13 December 2000 [http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/lrf/press/comment\\_stemcell\\_1200.htm](http://dspace.dial.pipex.com/lrf/press/comment_stemcell_1200.htm) )

*No longer a member of the AMRC (q.v.)*

## **LEVERHULME TRUST**

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*No longer a member of the AMRC.*

This is a research and education trust whose trustees are partly drawn from the Unilever company, and is named after its founder, Lord Leverhulme.

## **LIFE**

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A pro-life charity which helps women in problem pregnancies.

## **LINACRE CENTRE FOR HEALTHCARE ETHICS**

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Pro-life bioethical institute.

## **LISTER INSTITUTE OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **LITTLE FOUNDATION**

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **LIVING AGAIN**

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(Formerly Development Trust for the Young Disabled)

Now known as the Neuro-disability Research Trust (q.v.).

## MACMILLAN CANCER RELIEF

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The organisation has funded a project with the Royal College of General Practitioners to train family doctors in palliative care. (The Times, 11 September 1992) Macmillan nurses have been described as playing a crucial role in the care of people who are dying. (Daily Express, 30 November 1994)

## MAKING DECISIONS ALLIANCE

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A group of organisations concerned with mental incapacity and decision making. The group are pressing the Government to allow parliamentary time for new legislation on mental incapacity, along the lines of the Law Commission's draft bill proposed in 1995 and subsequent proposals (statement by the Making Decisions Alliance, September 2002). MDA argues that either personally nominated individuals or court appointed managers should have the power to make welfare and healthcare decisions for incapacitated people. Such proposals have been strongly criticised by anti-euthanasia groups. It is feared they might result in people being denied assistance in feeding and hydration in order to bring about their death, and amount to legalising euthanasia "by the back door".

## MARIE CURIE CANCER CARE

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"Marie Curie Cancer Care has no involvement in abortion."  
(Letter 7/1/98)

"(Marie Curie Cancer Care) does not conduct research into human embryos nor does it get involved in contraception or abortion... MC is opposed to any moves to legalise euthanasia and has made its position clear on this issue on numerous occasions." (Letter from the Director of Marie Curie in Glasgow, in the Scottish Catholic Observer 22/10/99)

## MARIE STOPES INTERNATIONAL

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*(updated entry)*

Marie Stopes International is a major promoter and provider of abortion around the world. It is registered as a charity in the UK.

In England, MSI provides abortions at a number of private clinics. MSI in the UK also has an active campaigning role and

lobbies for, among other things, easier access to the abortifacient morning-after pill. MSI is a member of Voice for Choice, a coalition of pro-abortion groups which campaigns for a liberalisation of the UK's abortion law so that abortion would be made available on request in the first 14 weeks of pregnancy, abortion with only one doctor's approval up to the 24th week of pregnancy, placing a duty on doctors to declare any conscientious objection to abortion and extending an amended Abortion Act to Northern Ireland.

MSI also lobbies on a pro-abortion platform in the institutions of the European Union, and has an office in Brussels. It provides the secretariat for the European parliament's Working Group on Population, Sustainable Development and Reproductive Health.

MSI is active in many countries including China and Vietnam, both of which have coercive population control policies.

## MASON MEDICAL RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## MEDECINS SANS FRONTIERES *(updated entry)*

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Provides medical facilities and personnel in emergency and war situations.

MSF has an official policy not to take a stand on abortion. However, MSF follows the guidelines of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees which include "the provision of emergency post-coital contraception [abortifacients] to those women who request it" (MSF publication *Refugee Health: An Approach to Emergency Situations*). Chris Torgeson, a spokesperson for MSF, admitted to LifeSite (a Canadian pro-life news service) that MSF doctors perform abortions. She said, "In some countries abortion is an important part of family planning policy." (Lifesite 6/11/01)

"... Medecins Sans Frontières, which supplies the outlying districts of Sarajevo with medical equipment, says that for each home birth kit supplied they are asked for two abortion kits". (Breaking Chains, Newsletter of the Abortion Law Reform Association, 10/93)

The French Health minister Bernard Kouchner, who co-founded MSF, admitted that he practised “mercy killings” during the wars in Lebanon and Vietnam. He said, “I have practised euthanasia on several different occasions. When people were suffering too much and I knew they were going to die, I helped them... I gave injections to people ... with lots of morphine.” (The Times 25/7/01)

## MEDICAL FOUNDATION CARING FOR VICTIMS OF TORTURE *(new entry)*

“Forced abortion would constitute torture, and if we were to have a client who had suffered that who sought our help we would regard that person as coming within our mandate and offer her appropriate services... we contend that rape is a form of torture... The Medical Foundation... does not take positions on general matters outside its mandate, and this would include abortion except in the circumstances referred to above.” (Letter, 24/7/00)

## MENCAP *(updated entry)*

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

Although MENCAP issued a statement supporting the introduction of legislation based on the Law Commission’s draft bill on mental incapacity in 1995, it appears that the charity expressed concern that parts of the bill which would permit the withdrawal of food and fluids from some profoundly disabled people went against the European Convention of Human Rights. (ALERT Press Release November 2002)

## MENINGITIS RESEARCH FOUNDATION

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## MENINGITIS TRUST

Formerly known as the “National Meningitis Trust”

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## MICHAEL J. FOX FOUNDATION FOR PARKINSON'S RESEARCH (new entry)

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The Foundation has called for human embryonic stem cell research (including "therapeutic cloning") to be allowed in order to "find a cure for Parkinson's Disease".

(Associated Press 23/5/00)

## MIND

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MIND was a founder member of PROGRESS, an organisation established to campaign for the use of living human embryos for experimental purposes (Hansard, 23/11/88). However, they withdrew their support in 1990 after MIND "ceased to be concerned with mental handicap at policy level". (Council Management Minutes, 13/6/90 - MIND wrote to PROGRESS in June 1990 withdrawing its support - Letter, 15/4/92)

*MIND is a member of the Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## MOTOR NEURONE DISEASE ASSOCIATION

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(updated entry)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

The Association has refused to take a position on euthanasia/assisted suicide despite several widely publicised cases involving Motor Neurone Disease sufferers. In 2001, the Association said it neither supported nor opposed MND sufferer Dianne Pretty's legal bid to be helped to die. (Daily Telegraph 19/10/01). In 1997 MNDA refused to back a (failed) court action by the late Annie Lindsell, an MND sufferer and a member of the Association who campaigned for euthanasia (Independent, 10/6/97). However, the Association described the 2000 case of a 19 year old man with MND who requested that his ventilator should be turned off 2 weeks after he lost all ability to communicate as "a case of a doctor carrying out the wishes of a competent patient who wants life-sustaining treatment to be withdrawn.." (The Times 11/8/00) This course of action would be highly contentious if the young man's request was intended to bring about his death.

## MULTIPLE BIRTHS FOUNDATION

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Jane Denton, the Foundation's director (MBF website, April 03), is also a member of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority (HFEA) and serves as its Director of Sub-Committees (HFEA website, April 03). It is not known whether the Multiple Births Foundation itself approves of the HFEA's policies in favour of destructive research on embryos.

## MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SOCIETY

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

In a letter (16/12/91) this Society stated that they were not involved in any way in prenatal screening and abortion, and that they did not support euthanasia. More recently, however, it was reported that "the Multiple Sclerosis Society said it would consider demands from its members for euthanasia". (Independent, 10/6/97)

Commenting on a possible cure for MS using cells from the central nervous system of aborted babies, the Multiple Sclerosis Society's Head of Research said, "We are a long, long way from a treatment for MS. This is just one of the first steps." (The Observer 28/9/98)

## MUSCULAR DYSTROPHY CAMPAIGN

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

The MD Campaign has indicated that they are "not at present funding any research [using human embryos] but have done so in the past". It is also their policy to support the use of pre-implantation genetic diagnosis to screen out embryos found to have MD (Letter 4/5/00).

The Chairman of the MD Campaign, Professor Martin Bobrow, has himself conducted research on prenatal testing at Guy's Hospital in London (Action Research Annual Reports 1987 & 1988). He has suggested that pro-lifers are "pro-suffering" and "anti-choice" (Sunday Times 8/4/90) and is reportedly in favour of so-called therapeutic cloning (The Times 22/1/01).

The executive director of the MD Campaign is also in favour of prenatal screening and pre-implantation genetic diagnosis to prevent the birth of children with MD, and the charity funds the development of such tests. (Letter 5/6/01)

The MD Campaign welcomed the widening of the grounds in the embryology law in 2000 allowing human embryos to be created for a wider range of experiments, including the creation of cloned embryos for use in research. (MDC Press release, 15 August 2000, <http://www.muscular-dystrophy.org/media/DonaldsonReport.html> at 23/04/03)

## MYASTHENIA GRAVIS ASSOCIATION

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLITIS & CROHN'S DISEASE (NACC)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## NATIONAL ASTHMA CAMPAIGN

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY *(new entry)*

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## NATIONAL BACK PAIN ASSOCIATION

Now known as Back Care (q.v.).

## NATIONAL CHILDBIRTH TRUST

In a letter (8/1/97), NCT say that one of their aims is to “give every parent the chance to make informed choices”. They say that they are “not an abortion agency”, but the three organisations to which they refer women with an unplanned pregnancy (Brook Advisory Centres, Marie Stopes and Women’s Health) are all pro-abortion. They also recommend two books, both by well-known pro-abortion campaigners (Ann Furedi and Tara Kaufmann). In the same letter, referring to the pressure often brought upon mothers to abort babies with disabilities, they say that “if a serious abnormality is found on a screening test, it should not be assumed that a woman will have a termination”.

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S BUREAU

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The Bureau sent a submission in favour of experimentation on living human embryos to the Warnock committee, which recommended legislation to permit the creation of embryos for experimentation.

The Bureau recommends Brook Advisory Centres (q.v.) and the Family Planning Association (q.v.) for advice on sexual matters. (NCB webpage, current April 2003 <http://www.ncb.org.uk/sef/answer.htm> )

The Winter 2003 edition of the Sex Education Matters newsletter published by the Bureau features an article by Lisa Hallgarten of pro-abortion group Education for Choice, which says that “[Abortion is] a safe and reasonable option for those unable or unwilling to continue with an unwanted pregnancy.” [http://www.ncb.org.uk/resources/sef\\_sem\\_29.pdf](http://www.ncb.org.uk/resources/sef_sem_29.pdf)

## NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOME (ACTION FOR CHILDREN)

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In a letter dated 9 October 1999, the NCH Director of Public Policy wrote: “We do not have a policy on abortion, but many of our projects do work with women who are pregnant ... Our policy and practice guidelines instruct staff not to counsel or advise pregnant women ... Instead they are encouraged to refer women to specialist local health resources ... we would see it as legitimate... for a member of our staff to accompany a woman to one of these specialist local agencies to offer some personal support... However, the decision about a pregnancy should be for the woman to make for herself, and it would be improper ... for us to seek to influence this, one way or the other.” A further letter (29/10/99) stated: “I do not know the sort of specialist local health resources to which our projects refer women with a problem pregnancy (but) I have no reason to suppose that they would not refer women to a branch of a well-established agency such as the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (q.v.) or Marie Stopes (q.v.)...”

## NATIONAL DEAF CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

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There is a possibility that deaf parents could in future deliberately choose to have a deaf child, by having IVF and selecting an embryo which has a condition leading to deafness. The technique could also be used to choose a child without such a condition. The NDCS was quoted in the Daily Mail of 22 September 2002 as saying: "It would have to be an individual decision and we would be there to offer support." If a child were selected in this way, embryos which did not carry the required genes would be rejected, possibly to be used for experiments or flushed down the sink.

The NDCS policy statement on genetics and deafness [http://www.ndcs.org.uk/about\\_ndcs/ndcs\\_policies/genetics.html](http://www.ndcs.org.uk/about_ndcs/ndcs_policies/genetics.html) (current April 2003) refers to genetic testing and antenatal diagnosis, saying that parents have a right "to use the results of such tests in a way that suits the individual family." These tests may lead to abortions.

Despite supporting the use of genetic testing in this way, it says: "The NDCS does not support the genetic screening of whole populations for genetic conditions, with the consequent risk of moving towards a society in which difference is no longer accepted or tolerated. Nor does the NDCS consider that the eventual elimination of deafness, however unlikely, would be in the best interests of society."

## NATIONAL ECZEMA SOCIETY

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL ENDOMETRIOSIS SOCIETY

(new entry)

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL EYE RESEARCH CENTRE

(new entry)

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL FUND FOR RESEARCH INTO CRIPPLING DISEASES

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Now known as Action Research (q.v.).

## NATIONAL HEART RESEARCH FUND

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL KIDNEY RESEARCH FUND

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(updated entry)

In a letter dated 19 May 2000, NKRC stated: "We have never funded research on human embryos and it is unlikely that we will be asked to do so in the foreseeable future... Therapeutic cloning is a less contentious issue since it does not usually involve the use of human embryos, but we have never supported work in this field either." 'Therapeutic' cloning would in fact entail creating human embryos, which would then be destroyed in the process of removing their stem cells.

The Fund invited Professor Richard Gardner of the Royal Society, a leading supporter of "therapeutic cloning", to speak on the subject of stem cell research to a conference on 26 November 2002. (NKRF press release <http://www.nkrf.org.uk/pages/news/renalcarewayforward.htm> )

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL LOTTERY

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(updated entry)

The National Lottery has for many years funded abortion providers and promoters. Most recently:

IPPF's (q.v.) financial statement for 2001 states that the National Lottery Charity Board (Community Fund) gave £619,000 and that "The largest components of [multilateral and other] grants continued to be provided from [inter alia] the UK National Lottery Charity Board". [http://www.ippf.org/about/pdf/Financial\\_Statements\\_2001.pdf](http://www.ippf.org/about/pdf/Financial_Statements_2001.pdf)

The Lottery funded Marie Stopes International (q.v.) clinics in Vietnam in January 2000 [http://www.asia-initiative.org/partners\\_msi-vietnam.html](http://www.asia-initiative.org/partners_msi-vietnam.html)

The Lottery funds Population Concern's (q.v.) sexual and reproductive health programmes in East Africa and Pakistan. (Population Concern webpages, current as of April 2003: [www.populationconcern.org.uk/international/international.asp](http://www.populationconcern.org.uk/international/international.asp) and [www.populationconcern.org.uk/international/asia.asp](http://www.populationconcern.org.uk/international/asia.asp) )

## NATIONAL MENINGITIS TRUST

Now known as Meningitis Trust (q.v.).

## NATIONAL OSTEOPOROSIS SOCIETY

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NATIONAL SCHIZOPHRENIA FELLOWSHIP

Now known as Rethink (q.v.).

## NATIONAL SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF CRUELTY TO CHILDREN *(updated entry)*

In a personal letter dated 6 January 1992, NSPCC stated that it was not allowed to comment on abortion under the terms of its Royal Charter. In a letter dated 31 March 1999, an NSPCC representative wrote: "We do not give any money to or finance any projects dealing with abortion or contraception. As an organisation we do not make policy statements on abortion as we only deal with children from birth onwards. However, it may reassure you that from a personal perspective, I would not support or work for an organisation that condoned abortion. Regarding contraception, we do not support any organisation or projects that deal with family planning."

However, on 27 March 2002, NSPCC launched the There4Me.com website for teenagers with the cooperation of Brook Advisory Centres (q.v.). The website presents abortion as a legitimate option and recommends Brook for help on sexual issues. (There4Me.com website, current as of April 2003 [http://www.there4me.com/gotaproblem/G\\_links.asp?PageID=23&Path=Is+it+about+sex%3F%3A5%2A1%92m+Pregnant%2C+HELP%21:21](http://www.there4me.com/gotaproblem/G_links.asp?PageID=23&Path=Is+it+about+sex%3F%3A5%2A1%92m+Pregnant%2C+HELP%21:21) )

## NEURO-DISABILITY RESEARCH TRUST

(new entry)

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(formerly known as Living Again)

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NEWLIFE ACTION

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The supporters' arm of the Birth Defects Foundation (q.v.).

## NORTHERN IRELAND CHEST, HEART & STROKE ASSOCIATION

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

The Association's Spring 2001 journal <http://www.nichsa.com/assets/spring2001.pdf> stated: "Research using stem cells from umbilical cords "avoids the ethical problems associated with obtaining the cells from embryos."

## NORTHERN IRELAND LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH FUND

(new entry)

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Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NORTH WEST CANCER RESEARCH FUND

(embodying Friends of Liverpool Radium Institute)

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NOVARTIS FOUNDATION

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.

## NUGENT CARE SOCIETY (LIVERPOOL ARCHDIOCESE)

Affiliated to Catholic Child Welfare Council (q.v.)

## ORBIS INTERNATIONAL

Orbis International is dedicated to saving sight worldwide through education. It claims not to be involved in any way in abortion, contraception or any form of "family planning" (Letter 20/10/94).

## OXFAM

*(updated entry)*

Oxfam supports the provision of “safe and legal abortions to safeguard women’s health and well being” (personal letter from Paula Browning, Oxfam Supporter Services, 24/5/96) and admits that, while Oxfam does not promote abortion itself, “some Oxfam-funded health projects may provide safe abortions” (Letter from Jenny Lunnon, Oxfam Supporter Services, 11/5/95).

Oxfam has funded workers at a clinic run by the abortion provider Marie Stopes International in Ethiopia (Leaflet: “Oxfam, Family Planning and Population”, May 1992) and continues to regard the provision of reproductive health services, including abortion, as an important concern (Oxfam booklet “A Matter of life and death”, 1997).

Oxfam has also admitted to providing grants to two organisations in Ethiopia and Yemen which are affiliated to IPPF, the world’s largest abortion promoter (Letter 9/1/02).

## PARKINSON’S DISEASE SOCIETY

*(updated entry)*

The Parkinson’s Disease Society is one of the leading groups campaigning in favour of destructive embryo research. In its evidence to the House of Lords select committee inquiry into stem cell research, the Society stated: “The Parkinson’s Disease Society was actively involved in the campaign to allow the Human Fertilisation and Embryology (Research Purposes) Regulations 2000 to proceed to law... It is accepted that there will always be embryos created through in vitro fertilisation which are not implanted. These embryos do not have any chance of life – the only choices are destruction or their use in research.” (written evidence to the House of Lords select committee on stem cell research, June 2001). The Parkinson’s Disease Society also supports the use of cells from fetuses. (chair of the Parkinson’s Disease Society, Daily Mail, 1 December 1998).

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## PATIENT CONCERN

*Member of the Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## PLAN INTERNATIONAL UK (WORLD FAMILY)

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(updated entry)

An undated document supplied by PLAN Information Officer Lesley Davis, described by her as “an in-depth document about PLAN’s attitude to Family Planning”, states: “This we believe:... 4 Contraception, abortion and sterilization are all vital components of a voluntary, comprehensive family planning programme. The more accessible these components are to the community, the more effective voluntary family planning efforts will be in a community or nation.”

In a letter dated 25 May 2000, PLAN stated that they would “only become involved in the counselling or distribution of birth control if it is requested or welcomed by the community.” In such cases “... PLAN feels that its role is to support and maintain the availability of reproductive health and birth control supplies by working in close conjunction with government, local development agencies and the individuals themselves.”

## POPULATION CONCERN

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(updated entry)

Population Concern’s projects include working for the implementation of abortion law in Bolivia. PC website, April 2003 <http://www.populationconcern.org.uk/pdfs/IPD.pdf>

Population Concern has been described by the Scottish Catholic Media Office as a “major contributor to China’s now discredited one child per couple policy”, (SCMO website 2002 [http://www.scmo.org.uk/media\\_office/Church\\_Briefings/Default.asp?Briefing=Population](http://www.scmo.org.uk/media_office/Church_Briefings/Default.asp?Briefing=Population) )

The one-child policy has caused countless millions of compulsory abortions. Former Population Concern president David Bellamy described the implementation of China’s one-child policy as “a fantastic story of success” (foreword to the Gaia Atlas of Planet Management, 1985, p.10). Population Concern’s chairperson is veteran abortion rights campaigner Dilys Cossey. (PC annual review 2001

<http://www.populationconcern.org.uk/pdfs/annualreview.pdf> ;

<http://www.ippf.org/regions/europe/choices/v28n2/dilys.htm> , )

Population Concern's vice-presidents include

- Baroness Gould of Potternewton, chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Pro-Choice Group, and president of the Family Planning Association (q.v.) [Dod's Parliamentary Companion 2002]
- Baroness Flather, director of Marie Stopes International (q.v.) [Dod's Parliamentary Companion 2002]
- Helena Kennedy QC, an IPPF (q.v.) supporter [IPPF press release 9 July 2001  
[http://www.ippf.org/newsinfo/pressreleases/2001\\_07\\_09.htm](http://www.ippf.org/newsinfo/pressreleases/2001_07_09.htm) ] and embryo-research advocate (HGC website, April 2003  
[http://www.hgc.gov.uk/members/baroness\\_helena.htm](http://www.hgc.gov.uk/members/baroness_helena.htm) ).

(PC annual review 2001

<http://www.populationconcern.org.uk/pdfs/annualreview.pdf> )

## PPP HEALTHCARE MEDICAL TRUST*(new entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

In conjunction with Care International (q.v.), the Trust has funded a project in India which "aims to...increase access to family planning". (PPP Trust webpage, current April 2003  
[http://www.pppfoundation.org.uk/grant\\_programmes/case\\_studies/case\\_studies\\_international.html](http://www.pppfoundation.org.uk/grant_programmes/case_studies/case_studies_international.html) )

The Trust has funded BLISS (q.v.) (PPP Trust webpage, current 24 April 2003

[http://www.pppfoundation.org.uk/grant\\_programmes/case\\_studies/case\\_studies\\_children.html](http://www.pppfoundation.org.uk/grant_programmes/case_studies/case_studies_children.html) )

## PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY ASSOCIATION

*(updated entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

In its written evidence to the House of Lords select committee inquiry into stem cell research, the Association supported the use of foetal stem cells and stem cells from 'surplus' embryos, though opposed the deliberate creation of human embryos, including cloned embryos, for stem cell research.

## THE PRINCE'S TRUST

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According to a press report, The Trust has made at least one donation of US\$40,000 to the International Planned Parenthood Federation (q.v.), reported as appearing in IPPF's audited accounts for 1997. This donation was said to be larger than donations to IPPF from either the World Health Organisation or the World Bank. (*Catholic Times* 17/10/99).

## PROGRESS

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("Progress Educational Trust", successor to "PROGRESS, Campaign for Research into Human Reproduction")

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

Since being established in 1985, in the wake of the Warnock Report, these groups have been among the leading organisations campaigning in favour of embryo research. (Progress webpages <http://www.progress.org.uk/About/history.html> and <http://www.progress.org.uk/About/Index.html>, current as of 24 April 2003).

## PROGRESSIVE SUPRANUCLEAR PALSY ASSOCIATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## PSORIASIS ASSOCIATION

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## RAFT

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(Also known as Restoration of Appearance & Function Trust)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## RED CROSS

*(updated entry)*

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

The British Red Cross is a member of the Federation.

The Federation's website says: "The Federation promotes reproductive health care as a basic human right for every woman....A further consideration is the safe care of women undergoing abortions." (IFRC "Reproductive Health" webpage, current April 2003, <http://www.ifrc.org/what/health/mch/reprohealth.asp> )

On World Refugee Day (20 June) 2002 the Federation signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (q.v.) "to work together in emergencies to initiate and to strengthen reproductive health services". (IFRC press release 18 June 2002 <http://www.ifrc.org/docs/news/pr02/4302.asp> )

## REFUGEE COUNCIL

*(updated entry)*

In a letter dated 22 January 1996, Refugee Council fund-raiser Celia Richardson wrote: "The Refugee Council does not have any written policy on abortion, but I can assure you that there would be no question of our spending donor gifts in such a way."

However, a Refugee Council booklet published in October 2001 states: "Your GP or a family planning clinic can provide advice and information on birth control. They can also give you prescriptions for free contraceptives as well as pregnancy tests. If you are pregnant and you do not want to continue the pregnancy, your GP should refer you to a gynaecologist for a termination. Abortion is legal and free under the NHS. Abortions have to be approved by two doctors. There are other clinics which give abortions where you will have to pay." ("Information for refugees and people with ELR", page 10 [http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/downloads/pdfbooklets/english\\_elr.pdf](http://www.refugeecouncil.org.uk/downloads/pdfbooklets/english_elr.pdf))

## REHABILITATION CENTRE FOR PHYSICALLY AND VISUALLY HANDICAPPED CHILDREN, BITRAGUNTA, INDIA

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Free education centre for poor disabled children from rural areas. Run by a Catholic priest and pro-life.

## REMEDI (REHABILITATION & MEDICAL RESEARCH TRUST)

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## RESCUE: THE FOUNDATION FOR THE BRAIN INJURED INFANT

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Now known as Cerebra (q.v.)

## RESEARCH INTO AGEING *(updated entry)*

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A trust within Help the Aged (q.v.). (Help the Aged press release 22 January 2003

[http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/CampaignsNews/News/\\_items/RIA++cell+research.htm](http://www.helptheaged.org.uk/CampaignsNews/News/_items/RIA++cell+research.htm) )

In a letter dated 24 May 2000, RIA says: "At present we do not have an official policy (on human embryo research)," but the group is a member of the AMRC (q.v.).

## RESPOND

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*Member of the Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## RETHINK *(new entry)*

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Formerly known as the National Schizophrenia Fellowship.

Rethink believes that "the prenatal selection of behavioural and personality traits within the normal range...goes far beyond what people would generally find acceptable." (Rethink response to a public consultation on genetics and human behaviour by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics, July 2001).

*Member of the Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## ROMANIAN ORPHANAGE TRUST*(updated entry)*

The Trust has now changed its name to *The European Children's Trust* (q.v.) and has merged with the *Christian Children's Fund of Great Britain* (q.v.) to form a group called *Everychild* (q.v.) (*The Times* 26/7/02)

## ROTARY INTERNATIONAL *(new entry)*

Rotary International's webpage on population issues claims that "falling global child mortality rates and climbing lifespans have prompted a new concern: that population growth may outpace Earth's ability to sustain development". In 1999, the RI Board adopted a statement on population growth and sustainable development, which reads in part: "Rotary International encourages Rotary clubs and districts...to... undertake even more projects that directly impact population growth and sustainable development." (RI webpage, current as of 28 May 2003, [http://www.rotary.org/programs/service\\_opportunities/participate/population\\_issues.html](http://www.rotary.org/programs/service_opportunities/participate/population_issues.html) )

In June 2002 RI renewed for three years the Memorandum of Cooperation it signed with the pro-abortion United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (q.v.) in June 2001 "to work together on population and reproductive health issues and promote awareness worldwide of the social, economic and environmental implications of population growth and challenges." (RI press release 6 June 2001 <http://www.rotary.org/newsandinfo/presscenter/releases/2001/94.html> )

## ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR THE BLIND *(updated entry)*

In a letter dated 9 May 2000, the RNIB say they have not to date either received or funded any research projects involving human embryos. However, if such a project were received in the future "it will be carefully considered on an individual basis, with no guarantee of it being funded... RNIB does not, though, have an opinion on therapeutic cloning or on human embryo research."

*No longer a member of the AMRC (q.v.).*

## ROYAL NATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR DEAF PEOPLE

*(new entry)*

There is a possibility that deaf parents could in future deliberately choose to have a deaf child by having IVF and selecting an embryo with a gene for deafness. RNID spokeswoman Rachel Fox said, "Some deaf parents may say it would be nice to have a deaf child... This is a hypothetical situation, but where you have a deaf couple, who have undergone IVF treatment and they made a choice to have a deaf child, then that is their choice – we would support them in that choice." (Daily Express 22/9/00)

## ROYAL SOCIETY

*(new entry)*

The Royal Society issued a report saying that human cloning should be allowed as a way of developing treatments for injuries and degenerative disease. It claims (controversially) that successful treatments using stem cells derived from adults do not avoid the "need" for cloning, and that achieving results using adult-derived stem cells "could take ten years and require[s] research on embryonic stem cells first." (The Times 8/11/00)

(See "An Ethical Approach to Stem Cell Treatment" published by No Less Human, a group within SPUC.)

Professor Richard Gardner, who chaired the Royal Society Working Group on Therapeutic Cloning, said that the Group's report recommended a worldwide ban on "human cloning" (i.e. reproductive cloning) but is "anxious a ban should not get in the way of the development of therapeutic cloning, which could treat many diseases." The report acknowledges that therapeutic cloning could lead to reproductive cloning. It claims, again controversially, that adult stem cells "do not provide an alternative to foetal stem cells" and recommends that "both techniques should be pursued in parallel." (The Times, 20 June 2001).

## SALVATION ARMY

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Its official policy statement on abortion begins: "The Salvation Army believes in the sanctity of all human life from the moment of fertilisation," but then adds that abortion may be justified in cases of rape, incest or "foetal abnormality". (Statement dates from 1990, current on website, May 2003: <http://www.salvationarmy.org.uk/en/Library/masic/Abortion.htm> )

## SAMARITANS

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*(new entry)*

"...it is not The Samaritans' policy to refer pregnant women to organisations that provide abortions. Indeed it is not our policy to refer callers in any event. Instead, we are at pains to explore with our callers what might be the most appropriate next steps for them and to help them to reach their own decision. It would, of course, be quite improper for us to impose our own views or to exert any influence in this connection." (Letter from Chief Executive of The Samaritans 12/11/01)

## SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

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*(updated entry)*

SCF believes that reducing the birth rate helps to improve the condition of children (1993 position paper on "Population Issues").

In some countries, SCF works through non-government population control bodies: "SCF has been funding the Family Planning Association of Pakistan's family health project since 1980." (October 92 Information Sheet). FPAP is an affiliate of IPPF (*q.v.*).

SCF withdrew its support from a [pro-abortion] UN manual on reproductive health for refugees, on the basis that it would cause harm and could kill women (The Observer 5/4/98). However, a letter from SCF's senior health advisor indicated that, while SCF disagreed with the UN guidelines because the safety of the "potentially more dangerous services" [including abortion] could not be guaranteed, "[SCF] continues to work with the UN on these issues, and has not withdrawn from the debate". (The Observer 12/4/98)

An SCF Statement on abortion issued in 1994 said: "[SCF] UK does not promote abortion as a method of family planning, but works world wide to promote better reproductive and

sexual health ... this demands attention to ... the provision of good basic health care services to counsel and manage unwanted pregnancy..." In the "Notes" on this statement, reference is made to the UN International Conference on Population and Development (1994), which SCF supports (Letter 15/1/02). It also states that: "Prevention of unwanted pregnancies must always be given the highest priority and all attempts should be made to eliminate the need for abortion... where abortion is not against the law... health systems should... take other measures to ensure that such abortion is safe and accessible." (SCF "Position Statement on Abortion" April 2001)

## SCOPE

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While Scope no longer supports "Progress" (q.v.), its "Position Statement on Human Embryo Research" (in circulation, Feb 1996) indicates that it will "consider funding applications where the use of human embryo research and foetal tissue transplant is proposed".

It has funded research at Guy's Hospital Paediatric Research Unit, which undertakes research into prenatal screening programmes to detect disabled babies. (Position statement on genetic screening, in circulation Feb 1996) Often such programmes facilitate abortion.

Scope's Position Statement on Abortion says: "Scope takes no position on the ethical issues of abortion" (in circulation, Feb 1996). No mention is made of abortions on the grounds of foetal handicap. Scope has campaigned against life-saving treatment being denied to disabled people on "quality of life" grounds and has acknowledged the ethical concerns that pro-life people have over eugenics and selective abortion of disabled babies.

*Member of Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

## SCOTTISH CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL AID FUND

(updated entry)

“SCIAF is unable to support any work which contravenes the Church’s [pro-life] teaching. We have a rigorous process for ensuring the projects funded meet these criteria... SCIAF’s approach recognises that the long-term solution to HIV/AIDS is behavioural change and we fund several projects which seek to persuade young people of the importance of sexual abstinence and fidelity to one partner. SCIAF does not promote or provide condoms.” (Letter 24/1/00)

## SCOTTISH HOSPITALS ENDOWMENTS RESEARCH TRUST

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003

## SENSE (NATIONAL DEAF/BLIND AND RUBELLA ASSOCIATION)

SENSE was a supporter of PROGRESS (q.v.) in the 1980s, but had ceased to be an active supporter by the early 1990s. In 1992 a representative of SENSE wrote that “none of our funds are used to support embryo research”. (Letter, 25/3/92)

## SHAFTESBURY SOCIETY

Has no policy on abortion, and does not support human embryo research. Has no policy on euthanasia but “fights desperately to keep alive our more disabled clients”. (Personal letter, 23/12/91)

## SIR JULES THORN CHARITABLE TRUST

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003

## SMITH & NEPHEW FOUNDATION

Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003

## SOCIETY FOR MUCOPOLYSACCHARIDE DISEASES

One of the four original partner charities of Jeans for Genes (q.v.)

## “SPARKS” (SPORT AIDING MEDICAL RESEARCH FOR KIDS)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

There is no information to suggest that any current research projects funded by SPARKS, or those funded in the recent past and detailed on their website, are not ethical. (c.f. The Times 28/10/02)

## SPINAL RESEARCH *(new entry)*

(formerly International Spinal Research Trust)

Spinal Research supports so-called therapeutic cloning <http://www.spinal-research.org/stem.html> and has backed actor Christopher Reeve's campaign for this research [http://www.spinal-research.org/news\\_room.htm#CRUK](http://www.spinal-research.org/news_room.htm#CRUK)

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## SPUC EDUCATIONAL RESEARCH TRUST

A pro-life charity which provides education materials on abortion and related matters. It also funds British Victims of Abortion which helps women suffering in the aftermath of abortion. It is distinct from the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC), but works closely with it in a supportive capacity.

## STOPES

See entry for Marie Stopes International.

## STROKE ASSOCIATION

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003 and the Making Decisions Alliance (q.v.)*

Among other activities, the charity funds research into the prevention and treatment of stroke and into better methods of rehabilitation. None of the projects being funded by the charity in January 2003 (listed on website, April 2003) appears to include any unethical components.

Supporters of destructive stem cell research on embryos say that new treatment for strokes may be developed using embryos. The charity's policy on embryo research is not known.

## SUPPORT AROUND TERMINATION FOR FOETAL ABNORMALITY (SATFA)

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Formerly “Support After Termination for Abnormality”, now re-named “Antenatal Results and Choices” (q.v.)

## SUPPORT ORGANISATION FOR TRISOMY 13/18 AND RELATED DISORDERS (SOFT)

(new entry)

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The SOFT booklet *Your Unborn Baby* (1999) gives information and advice to parents expecting a handicapped child on how to deal with aborting a trisomy 13/18 baby.

It refers to a lethal injection into the unborn baby as “an injection to the baby allowing it to die before labour begins” and quotes one woman aborting her baby as saying, “The baby was given an injection. She was now at peace.” A section headed “After the birth” offers ideas on how to cope after aborting a child with trisomy.

## SURVIVAL FOR TRIBAL PEOPLES

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“Survival is a worldwide organisation supporting tribal peoples. It stands for their right to decide their own future and helps them protect their lives, lands and human rights.” They say, “We have no policy on population issues ... as a general rule, we are dealing with very small populations, often suffering from many unexpected deaths...” (Personal letter 17/9/97)

## TEARFUND

(updated entry)

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In a letter dated 19 August 1998, Tearfund stated that it “supports a large number of community health programmes throughout Asia, Africa and Latin America, and all of these include the promotion of family spacing.” This letter enclosed a briefing entitled “Our Approach to Population” (dated April 1997) which states (*inter alia*):

“It is therefore vital...to act on population through family planning measures”.

“Abortion is always and everywhere a tragedy... It should never be used as a method of birth control...It is Tearfund’s

view that working to decrease the number of abortions in the world is an important commitment to the life of the child and of the mother.”

“Tearfund recognises a strong Christian tradition throughout the world which views life as beginning at the moment of fertilisation. Christians within this tradition have a preference for contraceptives which prevent fertilisation or for “natural” methods. While affirming this preference, Tearfund’s policy of subsidiarity means that decisions about which contraceptive methods are promoted are taken by partners at the local level in a way which is appropriate to the culture and beliefs of the people they serve, and to the needs of the family.”

“Tearfund works...to provide [women and girls] with access to reproductive healthcare not just because of the impact of population, but because it is intrinsically right.”

The letter from Tearfund also enclosed the June 1990 edition of “Footsteps” on the subject of “Family Spacing”. This edition featured a front-page article by the then Information and Education Officer of Population Concern (q.v.), a box of ‘facts’ from UNFPA (q.v.), an address to a 1963 FPA (q.v.) conference and included abortifacients in a guide to “Practical methods for spacing families”.

## TENOVUS

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*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## TERENCE HIGGINS TRUST *(updated entry)*

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In 1992 the Trust, in co-operation with the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics at Kings College, London, launched a “living will” form designed for use by people with HIV and AIDS “in which advance directives can be made”. (Letter from Terence Higgins Trust and the Centre of Medical Law and Ethics at Kings College, London, *The Independent*, 26 June 1992; Trust webpage [http://www.tht.org.uk/about\\_us/timeline.htm](http://www.tht.org.uk/about_us/timeline.htm) , current as of May 2003). The Trust runs a telephone & email helpline at which “callers seeking Living Wills” can leave a message (Trust webpage [http://www.tht.org.uk/briefing\\_sheet/tht\\_direct.htm](http://www.tht.org.uk/briefing_sheet/tht_direct.htm) , current as of 2 May 2003).

Living wills /advance directives, which stipulate what

treatment or care should be given after one becomes unable to communicate, cause concern from a pro-life viewpoint. They have been strongly promoted by pro-euthanasia campaigners as a means of trying to demand deliberate euthanasia by omission after one has become incapacitated.

## TOMMY'S CAMPAIGN *(updated entry)*

Tommy's Campaign's handbook for health professionals on toxoplasmosis states: "Termination of pregnancy is a choice for women who have a current toxoplasma infection. However, unless infection is detected by cordocentesis or amniocentesis, or ultrasound shows evidence of foetal damage, then this may mean terminating a healthy, unaffected baby." (2001, <http://www.tommys-campaign.org/pregnant/ToxoHandbook.pdf> )

Tommy's Campaign's "Health Pregnancy: A Guide for Parents-to-be" (2001) <http://www.tommys-campaign.org/pregnant/parents.pdf> states: "Further tests to check for abnormalities are available early in pregnancy, such as amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling, nuchal translucency scan, foetal anomaly scan. There are risks associated with some of these procedures so you may only be offered them if you are thought to be at particular risk. If a doctor or midwife suggests any tests, ask them to explain the procedure and the implications, and ask as many questions as you need to."

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## TOXOPLASMOSIS TRUST *(updated entry)*

Now run by Tommy's Campaign (q.v.).

## TUBEROUS SCLEROSIS ASSOCIATION *(updated entry)*

The Association's website <http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/publications/SDsocialandreproductiveissues.pdf> reports on a presentation entitled "Social and reproductive issues facing adults with TS" given at a meeting of its "sister organisation" ( <http://www.tuberous-sclerosis.org/publications/sandiego.shtml> ) TS Alliance in San Diego in July 2001. The presentation by Aimee Tucker, Genetic Counellor at Houston's Medical School, listed "Reproductive Options for people with TS" as including

amniocentesis, chorionic villus sampling, using donor eggs or donor sperm for IVF treatment and preimplantation genetic diagnosis.

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## **TYNESIDE LEUKAEMIA RESEARCH ASSOCIATION**

*(new entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003.*

## **ULSTER CANCER FOUNDATION**

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## **UNITED NATIONS**

The United Nations is an intergovernmental organisation and, strictly speaking, has no policies of its own. However, the UN operates a number of specialised agencies, programmes and funds, each with particular mandates, which are co-ordinated through one of the principal organs of the UN. These bodies do engage in fundraising (from national governments, other international organisations such as the EU, and individuals) and many have an overtly pro-abortion agenda.

For example, UNICEF, UNFPA, the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Bank and the UN Development Programme were among the organisations which, together with IPPF (q.v.), committed themselves to promoting access to abortion during an international conference in Kenya in 1987. The participants agreed that “legal, good quality abortion services should be made accessible to all women.” (*Preventing the Tragedy of Maternal Deaths*, report on the International safe Motherhood Conference, February 1987). See further entries below.

## **UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSION FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR)**

The UNHCR promotes a radical population control and abortion agenda in refugee settlements. A manual for use in refugee camps produced jointly by the UNHCR, the UNFPA and the WHO, which was revised in 1999, has a clear and

sustained pro-abortion character. For example, Chapter 2 on the “Minimum Initial Service Package (MISP)” to respond to “the reproductive needs of populations in the early phase of a refugee situation” promotes the provision of so-called emergency contraception and abortion. It describes the contents of the UNFPA reproductive health kits for use in refugee situations: for populations of 30,000 or more, there should be equipment for IUD insertion, “management of the complications of unsafe abortion” and “vacuum extraction”. There appears to be no mention of any need to respect local laws which may restrict or prohibit access to abortion. (WHO, UNHCR and UNFPA, *An Inter-Agency Field Manual: Reproductive Health in Refugee Situations*, p.16)

The previous edition of this manual was even criticised by charities and aid agencies with an otherwise pro-abortion outlook. An Oxfam doctor said, “The manual suggested practices that would be dangerous in refugee camps. These include the insertion of intra-uterine contraceptive devices, long-term contraceptive implants and surgical abortions... The manual advises the use of Manual Vacuum Aspiration for ‘complications’ such as miscarriages or botched self abortions.” Manual vacuum aspirators are also used to initiate abortions. (The Observer, 5/4/98)

## UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA)

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The UNFPA, or United Nations Population Fund, promotes population control programmes in developing countries. Despite the UNFPA’s assurances that it does not promote abortion, it admits to distributing abortifacient morning-after pills and intra-uterine devices. During the conflict in Bosnia, the UNFPA distributed kits to refugees containing abortion apparatus and abortifacient drugs (LifeSite, Canada, 25 July 2000). The UNFPA’s reaction to the earthquakes which devastated El Salvador in early 2001 was to fly in so-called reproductive health kits containing morning-after pills and IUDs, despite El Salvador’s pro-life constitution. (Population Research Institute, 16 March 2001).

UNFPA also funds population activities in China, and is the major defender and advocate of the coercive “One Child

Policy” which entails forced abortions. It is for this reason that the United States government, under President George W Bush, has blocked all US federal funding to UNFPA. (BBC News online, 23 July 2002)

## UNITED NATIONS CHILDREN’S FUND (UNICEF)

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UNICEF, despite its supposed concern for the rights of children, is emphatically in favour of population control programmes. Richard Jolly, deputy executive director of UNICEF in New York, said: “UNICEF has long argued that actions to reduce child mortality help directly to lower fertility, but never that this is a sufficient condition. Rather, the specific need for birth spacing and family planning has been recognised since the early 80s ... we think it ethically obscene for countries not to pursue both child survival and family planning at the same time, when the know-how is available.” (*The Lancet*, 13 December 1990)

UNICEF allows its networks to act as major vehicles for abortifacient drugs, abortion services and sterilisations promoted by the UN Population Fund (UNFPA), the World Health Organisation (WHO), the World Bank and the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) (*Population and the UNFPA experience*, ed. N Sadik, NY University Press, NY and London, 1984).

UNICEF says it “does not advocate any particular method of family planning, believing this to be a matter best decided by the people themselves”. It claims to have a “long standing policy not to support abortion as a method of family planning” (Letter 10/10/97). However, UNICEF has also said it is “committed to ensuring a woman’s right to choose when and whether she has a family and giving her control over her reproductive and sexual health...” (Letter 17/9/99)

The head of UNICEF is Carol Bellamy, a former New York City politician, who is strongly in favour of abortion. She had a firmly pro-abortion voting record in the state senate (*cf.* The Interim, May 1998).

## WATER AID

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“We do not support family planning measures. Indeed, even if we wished to do so, our constitution would not allow that. We are registered as a charity with objectives concerned only with water supply, sanitation and associated health education.”  
(Personal letter, 1/10/92)

“Water Aid believes that people are an asset and not a problem. In many parts of the world having a large family is important...” (Letter 22/12/98)

## WAR ON WANT

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“We don’t hold positions on abortions, sterilisation, contraception or family planning and we don’t actively promote or provide these. We don’t see ourselves as influencing the people we help as to how to live their lives. As such, we don’t tell people to have fewer children (or more.)”  
(Letter. 23/3/99)

## WELLBEING

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(Formerly known as “Birthright”)

In work funded by Wellbeing and the Diana, Princess of Wales Memorial Fund, a team of obstetricians from Imperial College London and Queen Charlotte’s Hospital have worked to perfect a method of detecting Down’s syndrome in unborn babies by testing the mother’s blood. One of the research team said this test was the “holy grail of foetal medicine.”  
(The Times 23/4/99) However, there is no cure for Down’s syndrome and the aim and result of prenatal screening is often to abort babies found to have it.

## WELLCOME TRUST

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*(updated entry)*

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

The Wellcome Trust is the UK’s largest research charity, although as an endowed charity it does not raise funds from the public. Its position as the leader in its field makes it very influential, and it has been one of the foremost promoters of destructive embryo research. It has awarded £5.5 million for embryonic stem cell research, and its former director Dr

Mike Dexter (who stood down in March 2003), has been outspoken in his support for such work. Just before he stood down he condemned attempts by European politicians to restrict embryo research and claimed that the British permissive attitude towards embryo destruction was “more perceptive and thoughtful” than elsewhere in Europe (The Times, 29 March 03).

Professor John Gurdon, a group leader at the Wellcome Trust / Cancer Research UK Institute said that “defective or deformed” cloned human embryos could be used as a source of stem cells. He also said, “My argument is [embryos] are not potential human beings if they are destined to die.” (Reuters, 22 April 2002)

## WESSEX MEDICAL TRUST

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Also known as HOPE

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) April 2003*

## WILLIAM HARVEY RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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Formerly known as the “William Harvey Research Institute”

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## WORLDWIDE FUND FOR NATURE (WWF)

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*(updated entry)*

(Formerly the World Wildlife Fund)

WWF claim their work in China has completely changed since 1991. They say, “We are no longer working on population issues in China.” (Personal letter 10/10/01)

However, their website blames “unsustainable human population growth” for damaging natural resources.

HRH Prince Philip was president of WWF from 1981 until 1996 (he subsequently became president of Population Concern, q.v.)

## WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION

(updated entry)

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) is an agency of the United Nations (q.v.) and actively promotes abortion services and the development of abortion techniques.

The WHO encourages the provision of abortion facilities in refugee camps. A document produced by the WHO states that camps should “provide elective abortion services by vacuum aspiration” and “establish referral service for later stages” where abortion is legal (WHO, *Reproductive Health Services in Conflict and Displacement*, 2000, table 5.1, p.60, [http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR\\_00\\_13\\_RH\\_conflict\\_and\\_displacement/](http://www.who.int/reproductive-health/publications/RHR_00_13_RH_conflict_and_displacement/)). The WHO also promotes access to abortifacient birth control drugs and devices, such as morning-after pills and intra-uterine devices (IUDs) (WHO, *Emergency contraception: A guide to the provision of services*, 1998 [http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/FPP\\_98\\_19/FPP\\_98\\_19\\_table\\_of\\_contents\\_en.html](http://www.who.int/reproductivehealth/publications/FPP_98_19/FPP_98_19_table_of_contents_en.html) )

According to the technical definitions prepared for the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD), Cairo, 1994, derived from the WHO, “reproductive health” entails access to “methods of fertility regulation”. “Fertility regulation” in turn is defined as including “interrupting unwanted pregnancies”. This is a euphemism for abortion on demand.

## WORLDWATCH

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Resolutely opposed to (human) population growth. A statement by Worldwatch on the birth of India’s one billionth citizen said it was “not a cause for celebration.” (The Times 13/8/99) The Head of Worldwatch has previously said that birth control is the only answer to human hunger. (The Times 14/11/96)

## Y CARE INTERNATIONAL

*(new entry)*

Y Care International (the international development agency of the YMCA movement) is a member of the UK Network on Sexual and Reproductive Health & Rights. Other members of the Network are the Family Planning Association (*q.v.*), IPPF (*q.v.*), Population Concern (*q.v.*) and Save the Children (*q.v.*) Among the Network's current activities is lobbying against the pro-life/pro-family position of the US administration under President George W. Bush. (Network homepage, current as of May 2003 <http://www.bond.org.uk/wgroups/sexualhealth/> )

Y Care states that "girls and young women are at risk from unplanned pregnancy [and] unsafe abortion" and that "uncontrolled population growth" is among "the costs of ignoring the problems which are faced by [girls and young women in developing countries]. Added to which is the risk of unplanned pregnancy [and] abortion". (Y Care webpage on "Girls & Young Women", current as of May 2003, <http://www.ycare.org/pigirls.htm> )

## YORKSHIRE CANCER RESEARCH

*Member of AMRC (q.v.) May 2003.*

## YWCA

*(new entry)*

The YWCA in the USA has appointed Patricia Ireland, a leading pro-abortion campaigner, as its chief executive. M/s Ireland is credited with having championed abortion and trained thousands of pro-abortion activists while president of the National Organisation for Women. (<http://www.now.org/history/050203pi-ywca.html> - May 2003)

The YWCA of Great Britain and the YWCA in the USA are both members of the World YWCA.

# GLOSSARY

## Abortifacient

A drug or device (such as an intra-uterine device or IUD) which induces an abortion. Commonly used to refer to those birth control drugs and devices which kill early human embryos by preventing implantation in the womb. Also used as an adjective to describe something which causes an abortion.

## Advance directive (or living will)

A request (typically in writing) made in advance and designed to come into effect when a person becomes seriously ill or unable to communicate. It usually stipulates that certain types of medical treatment (and sometimes basic care) should be withheld. Widely promoted by pro-euthanasia groups as a way of allowing euthanasia.

## Amniocentesis

A technique for diagnosing conditions in the unborn baby which involves inserting a needle through the mother's abdomen into the womb and withdrawing a sample of the amniotic fluid (the waters around the baby).

## Antenatal

Prior to the delivery of an unborn child.

## Cloning (therapeutic, reproductive)

The deliberate creation of a human being with the identical or near-identical genetic make-up to another human being. So-called therapeutic cloning means the creation of cloned human embryos for the purposes of research. Reproductive cloning means the creation of cloned human embryos with the aim of bringing them to birth.

## Contraception, Emergency contraception

Contraception: something which prevents conception (fertilisation). "Emergency contraception" is used to refer to birth control methods which are used within a few days of intercourse and may operate either by preventing conception occurring or by preventing the embryo from implanting successfully in the womb and should therefore be called abortifacients rather than contraceptives.

## Embryo

The scientific name for a human being from the point of conception (fertilisation) until the eighth week of development, after this the human being is commonly referred to as a foetus.

## Euthanasia

Intentional killing, whether by commission (active means such as lethal injection, suffocation, etc.) or by omission (such as denial of tube-feeding). Voluntary euthanasia is when a person is killed at his or her own request.

## Foetal, foetus/Fetal, fetus

The human being from the eighth week of development up until birth.

## Incapacitated or incompetent patient

A patient who is unable to consent to medical treatment due to mental or physical disability (or in the case of children, age).

## In vitro fertilisation (IVF)

The creation of human embryos in the laboratory, such by mixing an egg cell with sperm in a test-tube or petri dish, often used when a woman is unable to conceive naturally.

## Living Will

See "advance directive."

## Persistent Vegetative State (PVS)

(Also "Permanent vegetative state") A term sometimes applied to people suffering from severe brain damage, who, although not comatose, remain unresponsive in the long term.

## Population control

A policy of limiting population growth, usually by promoting, or even enforcing, birth control practices such as abortion and contraception.

## Pre-implantation Genetic Diagnosis

Laboratory testing of cells taken from an embryo before it is implanted in the womb to diagnose chromosomal or genetic conditions in the embryo.

## *Prenatal*

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Prior to the delivery of an unborn child.

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This means that there is a separate entry in this bulletin for the charity so marked.

## *Stem cells*

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Human cells which can be directed to develop into different types of tissue. Stem cells can be found in human embryos around six days after conception, but also in umbilical cord blood after birth, or in certain parts of the adult body.

## *Sterilisation*

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A procedure (usually surgical) to render a person permanently infertile.