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- What is the relationship of the mitochondrial donor to a child born using these techniques?

It is my view that they are just a donor, much like a blood/organ donor and would not have any parental responsibility/contact with the child.

- Would you inform a child born using these techniques?

I would inform a child when of an appropriate age, as it is part of their genetic background and may be necessary information for them to consider when/if they wanted to conceive their own offspring in the future.

- What would happen if this treatment was not available in the UK - would you travel for treatment?

Yes, if it meant the possibility of a healthy child.