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

The donor could potentially save a child.

- Would you inform a child born using these techniques?

When they were old enough to understand.

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

Yes I would. After seeing my very good friends go through losing their daughter Niamh and the worry that their subsequent children could suffer the same way I wouldn't hesitate in the treatment.