

This response was submitted to the call for evidence by the Nuffield Council on Bioethics on *Emerging techniques to prevent inherited mitochondrial disorders: ethical issues* between January 2012 and February 2012. The views expressed are solely those of the respondent(s) and not those of the Council.

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I am 71 years old & have one son. I suffer from Inherited Mitochondrial problems.

The illness causes deafness, eye, balance, tiredness muscle weakness. Using a computer is not easy for me. I don't see straight lines can't focus on large print. Pigmentary Retinopathy. I have Type 2 Diabetes.

If the 3 way switch had been available to me in my younger days it would definitely be a yes. I have always been of the opinion had I known I would have opted for no children at all.

My son has the disease but thankfully at 42 is going OK. he will not pass it on to my grandchildren.

I have passed a dear sister at 52 years. A brother & younger sister afflicted.

Good luck to you all in research
of this terrible disease.

Yours faithfully

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