

Nuffield Council on Bioethics

Genetics and Human Behaviour: the Ethical Context (report published October 2002)
<http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/go/ourwork/behaviouralgenetics/introduction>

Genetic Screening: Ethical Issues (report published 1993)
<http://www.nuffieldbioethics.org/go/ourwork/geneticscreening/introduction>

Useful Websites and contact groups

The Genetics Society

<http://www.genetics.org.uk/>

The Human Genetics Commission

The Government's advisory body on how new developments in human genetic will impact on health care

<http://www.hgc.gov.uk/>

Clinical Genetics Society

The Clinical Genetics Society (CGS) was set up in 1970 to bring together doctors and other professionals involved in the care of individuals and families with genetic disorders

<http://www.clingensoc.org/>

UK Genethics Group

Members of clinical genetics units meet several times a year, with the support of a medical ethicist and lawyer, to discuss dilemmas arising in the practice of clinical genetics

http://www.clingensoc.org/Ethics/genethics_club.htm

Public Health Genetics Unit

Provides news and information about advances in genetics and their impact on public health and the prevention of disease

<http://www.phgu.org.uk/index.php>

The Genetic Interest Group (GIG)

A national alliance of patient organisations with a membership of over 130 charities which support children, families and individuals affected by genetic disorders

<http://www.gig.org.uk/>

GeneWatch UK

<http://www.genewatch.org/>

Department of Health

Genetics - information about genetics, embryology and assisted conception in the NHS

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAndSocialCareTopics/Genetics/fs/en>

British Medical Association

<http://www.bma.org.uk>

General Medical Council (GMC)

<http://www.gmc-uk.org/standards/default.htm>

Suggested Further Reading

Key texts

Chadwick R, Levitt M, Shickle D *The right to know and the right not to know*. Aldershot: Avebury, 1997

Thompson AK and Chadwick RF (eds) *Genetic Information: Acquisition, Access, and Control*. New York, Kluwer Academic/Plenum Publishers, 1999

Human Genetics Commission. *Inside information: balancing interests in the use of personal genetic data*. London: HGC, 2002

Harper PS, Clarke AJ *Genetics, Society and Clinical Practice* Bios Scientific Publishers Ltd, Oxford 1997

Nuffield Council of Bioethics. *Genetic screening: ethical issues*. London: Nuffield Council on Bioethics, 1993.

British Medical Association. *Human genetics: choice and responsibility*. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1998

Buchanan A, Brock DW, Daniels N, *From Chance to Choice: Genetics and Justice*, Cambridge University Press, 2000

Further reading

Prenatal testing

Savulescu J, Deaf Lesbians, "designer disability", and the future of medicine, *BMJ* Vol. 325 5th October 2002 page 771

Testing of children

Clarkeburn H Parental duties and untreatable genetic conditions, *J Med Ethics* 2000; 26:400-403

Clarke A (ed) *The Genetic Testing of Children*, Bios Scientific Publishers Limited 1998

Skene L *Patients' rights or family responsibilities?*, *Med Law Rev* 1998;6:1

Genetic Discrimination

Wong JG and Lieh-Mak F, Genetic discrimination and mental illness: a case report, *J Med Ethics* 2001;27:393-397

Department of Health publications

Genetics White Paper

"Our inheritance, our future - realising the potential of genetics in the NHS"

Other genetics publications -

<http://www.dh.gov.uk/PolicyAndGuidance/HealthAndSocialCareTopics/Genetics/GeneticsAssociatedPublications/>