

## Man claims to have fathered 800 children through years of unlicensed sperm donations

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Simon Watson, 41, has been an unlicensed sperm donor for 16 years, donating once a week.

“Usually one [baby] a week pops out. I reckon I’ve got about 800 so far, so within four years I’d like to crack 1,000,” he [tells the Victoria Derbyshire programme](#).

“I’ve got kids all the way from Spain to Taiwan, so many countries. I’d like to get the world record ever, make sure no-one’s going to break it, get as many as possible.”

Very few women are eligible for artificial insemination on the NHS as the criteria are very strict. Private licensed clinics cost between £500 and £1,000 for each cycle of treatment. Men are allowed to father no more than 10 children.

Watson charges £50 for his services — the “magic potion pot” — and most of his clients find him on Facebook.

“If you go to a fertility clinic people have to go through lots of hurdles — counseling sessions, huge amounts of tests and then charge absolute fortunes for the service — but realistically if you’ve got a private donor you can just go and see them, meet them somewhere, get what you want and just go,” he explains.

But critics say while it’s not illegal, using unregulated donors puts women at risk of sexual diseases, hereditary disorders and men interested in “no strings” unprotected sex.

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