

## Where is the justice in this **Euro ruling?**

BURTON-born Anthony Hardy stran-gled the life out of prostitutes he had lured to his flat before cutting them up and placing their bodies in bin bags.

He was, quite rightly, jailed for life for these crimes, which a High Court judge thought were so horrific that he should never be freed.

But now we learn that Hardy's sentence, rather than being seen as justice for his brutal treatment of these women, could instead be viewed as 'inhuman and degrading'.

This follows a ruling by The European Court of Human Rights, which has decided that a 'whole life' tariff, which forces murderers to die in jail, is not acceptable.

Instead, the court proposed that those serving life, with no possibility of parole, should have their cases reviewed after 25 years.

The ruling has provoked outrage in many quarters and seems to make a mockery of our system of justice.

Whole life terms are not handed out without careful consideration by the courts. There are less than 50 prisoners who are currently facing the prospect of never leaving jail.

These criminals, like Anthony Hardy, are there because their crimes are so dreadful that the prospect of them ever returning to normal life is nil. They will always be a danger to the

public and therefore need to be kept behind bars. But, even if this wasn't the case, what

about the victims and their families? What about their rights? Is it not inhu-man for them to be treated this way?

Certainly it seems that this decision has tipped the scales of justice in the wrong direction.

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the genetic material our bodies are made up from. You must inform staff at the blood donation session that you wish to join the marrow register before your blood

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by Rob Smyth

FOR the past week, the Mail has been

**Five Minutes Campaign.** Katherine Sinfield, of Balfour Street, opened up her life to readers as she

revealed that she needs a bone mar-

row transplant to save her life after

The 32-year-old teacher has urged

people to 'take five minutes' to see if they are a bone marrow match.

Now, as part of the campaign, here is a detailed breakdown of how you can

get tested and what happens if you

A bone marrow transplant is the only

Bone marrow is a soft tissue found in

With the NHS British Bone Marrow

Registry, people must be aged between

18 and 49 years old and be a blood

You can join when you next give

At the time of your blood donation

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being diagnosed with leukaemia.

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has begun to find her a match.

donation is taken. More information is available by calling the National Blood Service Donor helpline on 0300 123 2323

The other method is through the Anthony Nolan Trust which uses its register to match potential bone marrow donors to blood cancer patients in desperate need of a bone marrow transplant.

Anyone aged 16 to 30 can sign up online by visiting www.anthonynolan. org filling in a short application form and providing a saliva sample. If you are identified as the best pos

sible match with a patient, the NHS will ask your permission to pass your details on to the Anthony Nolan Trust. If you agree Anthony Nolan will then invite you to come into one of their centres for an explanation of the procedures from one of their clinical staff.

You will also have a thorough medical examination by a doctor and you will be asked to give your consent for a



number of blood tests to ensure there is no medical reason why you shouldn't donate.

There are two possible ways of donating stem cells which you may be asked to consider.

The first, and most frequently used, is to donate stem cells from circulating blood.

For the four days preceding the donation a nurse will inject you with a drug which vastly increases the num-ber of stem cells in your circulating

test to check that you have enough circulating stem cells. You will then be connected to a cellseparator machine which collects the stem cells from your blood via a vein in

one arm, returning the blood to your body through a vein in your other arm. The second method is donation of

On the fifth day you will have a blood

bone marrow itself, which involves the removal of stem cells from your hip bones. This is done using a needle and

syringe under a general anaesthetic in a hospital.

As there may be some discomfort where the needle has been inserted. you will need to stay in hospital for up to 48 hours and have a period of recovery at home of up to five days.

## Katherine's diary— Her account of her ongoing cancer battle



AS usual, the morning started with blood being taken for testing at 6am and an antibiotic infusion through my Hickman Line.

I was then visited by two doctors who said that my haemoglo-bin levels were low and that I may need to have blood transfusions at some point throughout the day.

The specialist dermatologist visited to re-assess the rash on my feet and he decided that I should receive a fungal drip through my Hickman Line and a new tube of cream.

A nurse also took swabs of my feet and the swelling on my back. By the middle of the afternoon I

was on an antibiotic drip and later I was placed on the fungal drip. My temperature spiked at 6.30pm to 38.1 degrees but a

subsequent retest was more promising at 37.9. I'm hoping the weather's still hot

by the time I am allowed home for a few days.



HOPING FOR HELP ... Katherine and husband Stepehn are appealing for people to come forward to test to see if they are a bone marrow match.

blood.

they will take an extra blood sample, so that they can identify your tissue type for the registry from your DNA -

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Ins and outs of being

bone marrow donor

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