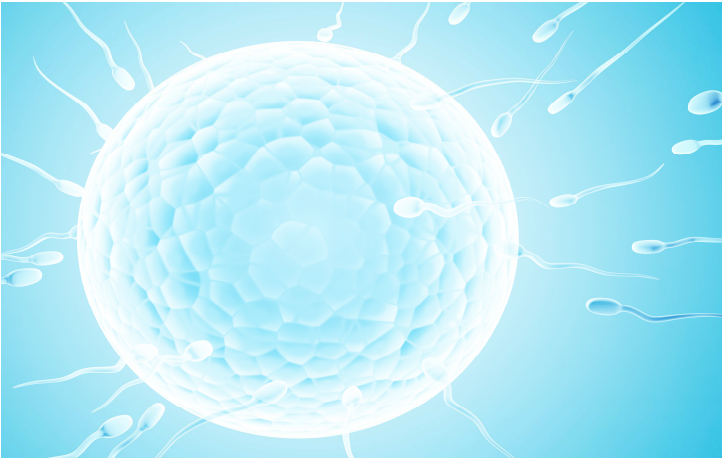


Researching the experiences of gamete donors and their families

Information for counsellors



About the research project

We are University of Manchester researchers working on a project about how donating egg or sperm impacts upon the everyday lives and relationships of donors and their families.

Identity-release regulations have been in operation for over a decade now but still very little is known about the experiences of people who donate in the context of traceability or how it impacts on their everyday lives and relationships.

Our project will investigate the experiences of sperm and egg donors, as well as their partners and parents, through in-depth interviews.

However, in order to fully understand the policy and practice context in which donation takes place, we would also like to speak to infertility counsellors who have worked (directly or indirectly) with post-2005 donors.

**Have you worked with identity-release gamete donors?
If so, we need your help.**

How you can help

Taking part in this project would involve participating in an interview, approximately one hour long. The interview would focus on your experience working with donors and how identity-release regulations are implemented in everyday practice.

The interviews are informal and more like a normal conversation than a survey. They can take place whenever and wherever is convenient and comfortable for you.

Confidentiality

Your participation in the project is confidential. What you say in the interview will be anonymised. We will not use real names, or other identifying details, in our publications or reports.

Any information you give us will be held securely and treated in strict confidence. Only anonymised data will be archived for use by other researchers and for training and teaching purposes.

This project has been approved by the University of Manchester Ethics Committee and will follow the Economic and Social Research Council's statement on ethical practice: <http://bit.ly/2miAyZA>. If you do decide to get involved in the project, you are free to withdraw at any time without giving a reason.

Contact us

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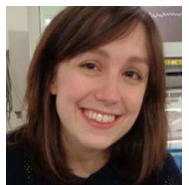
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