



Please note

This document contains a full set of the consultation questions contained in the HFEA consultation: Donating sperm and eggs, have your say.

The consultation is designed to be web-based. Only questionnaires completed and submitted online will be accepted.

The consultation is divided into four sections:

- The changing landscape of donation
- Compensation, reimbursement and benefits in kind
- Donor family limit
- Family donation

The questions contained in each of these separate sections are outlined below.

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The changing landscape of donation

1. What action, besides amending HFEA policy, do you think could be taken to increase the availability of donated sperm and eggs in the UK? (please select more than one if appropriate):

- A change to the law to enable donors to be paid for their donation, which is currently prohibited
- A change to the law to allow donors to be anonymous, which is currently prohibited
- A change to the law - other (please specify) *800 character limit*
- A change to professional guidance on donor screening
- A change to professional guidance - other (please specify) *800 character limit*
- Increasing people's awareness of, and educating people about, donation
- Carrying out national donor recruitment campaigns
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*
- None

2 a) Do you think we have accurately captured the principles relevant to donation?

- Yes
- No

2 b) Do you think there are other relevant principles that should be considered?

- Yes (please specify) *1600 character limit*
- No

2 c) Do you think there are principles outlined that should not be considered?

- Yes (please specify) *1600 character limit*
- No

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Donor compensation, reimbursement and benefits in kind

This questionnaire will ask separate questions on expenses, earnings, inconvenience and benefits in kind.

Expenses

1a) In principle, do you think donors should be compensated for expenses they incur during the process of making a donation (eg, the cost of a train fare to the clinic)?

- Sperm donors – Yes/No
- Egg donors - Yes/No

1b) In practice, how do you think a donor's expenses should be compensated (select a scheme for sperm donors and a scheme for egg donors)?

Sperm donors

- A fixed amount of money that is the same for all sperm donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual expenses
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

Egg donors

- A fixed amount of money that is the same for all egg donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual expenses
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

It's important for us to understand the reason(s) for your answers above. Please give a brief explanation. *1600 character limit*

1c) Do you think donors should be compensated for expenses they incur outside the UK (eg, the cost of travel to a clinic in the UK from Asia or Europe)?

- Sperm donors – Yes/No
- Egg donors – Yes/No

Please give an explanation of your answer or provide any further comments, including how compensation should apply to overseas donors, whose eggs or sperm are imported in to the UK. *1600 character limit*

Earnings

2a) In principle, do you think donors should be compensated for earnings they lose during the process of making a donation (eg, for time off work to attend clinic appointments)?

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- Sperm donors – Yes/No
- Egg donors – Yes/No

2b) In practice, how do you think a donor's loss of earnings should be compensated for (select a scheme for sperm donors and a scheme for egg donors)?

Sperm donors

- A fixed amount of money that is the same for all sperm donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual earnings lost
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

Egg donors

- A fixed amount of money that is the same for all egg donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual earnings lost
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

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Inconvenience

3a) In principle, do you think donors should be compensated for the disruption and discomfort associated with the process of making a donation (eg the inconvenience and side effects of hormone injections for egg donors and the inconvenience of numerous clinic visits for sperm donors)?

Sperm donors – Yes/No

Egg donors – Yes/No

3b) In practice, how do you think a donor should be compensated for the routine disruption and discomfort associated with the process of making a donation (select a scheme for sperm donors and a scheme for egg donors)?

Sperm donors

- A fixed amount of money that is the same for all sperm donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual disruption and discomfort experienced
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

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Egg donors

- Egg donors A fixed amount of money that is the same for all egg donors (please specify an amount in £)
- A variable amount of money according to the donor's actual disruption and discomfort experienced
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

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Benefits in kind

4a) In principle, should donors be offered benefits in kind for their donation?

Sperm donors – Yes/No

Egg donors – Yes/No

4b) In practice, what do you think benefits in kind should include (select more than one if necessary) (select a scheme for sperm donors and a scheme for egg donors)?

Sperm donors

- Reduced waiting time for treatment
- Reduced price or free fertility treatment
- Reduced price or free storage of sperm
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

Egg donors

- Reduced waiting time for treatment
- Reduced price or free fertility treatment
- Reduced price or free storage of eggs
- Other (please specify) *1600 character limit*

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4c) In practice, do you think the value of benefits in kind should be limited and if yes, how should it be limited?

Sperm donors

- No, the value should not be limited
- Yes, the value should not exceed other types of compensation (expenses, loss of earnings, routine disruption and discomfort)
- Yes, the value should not exceed that of an average cycle of fertility treatment, eg, £5000 for a cycle of IVF
- Yes, the value should be limited (please specify an amount in £)

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Egg donors

- No, the value should not be limited
- Yes, the value should not exceed other types of compensation (expenses, loss of earnings, routine disruption and discomfort)
- Yes, the value should not exceed that of an average cycle of fertility treatment, eg, £5000 for a cycle of IVF
- Yes, the value should be limited (please specify an amount in £)

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Equality impact

HFEA policies (like other public bodies) must not unlawfully discriminate on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity or race, sexual orientation, religion or gender, or infringe upon the human rights of any group.

We need to identify whether any groups of people who fall into the above categories (for instance, young people, women or disabled people) would be disproportionately affected by any of the changes.

5. Do you think any of the compensation, reimbursement and benefit in kind scheme options would have a disproportionate effect on any groups of people on the basis of their age, disability, ethnicity or race, religion, gender or sexual orientation?
- Yes
 - No
 - I have no view

If you answered 'Yes' or 'No' please tell us why *1600 character limit*

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Donor Family Limit

1. What do you think should be the maximum number of families that can be created using one donor's sperm or eggs?

- A limit lower than 10 families (please specify a number)
- A limit of 10 families
- A limit of more than 10 families (please specify a number)
- No family limit

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2. Do you think any of the family limit options would have a disproportionate effect on any groups of people on the basis of their age, disability, ethnicity or race, religion, gender or sexual orientation?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view

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Family Donation

1. Which of the following approaches do you think we should take towards mixing sperm and eggs between family members? (Please select one option)

- No further regulatory control
- Prohibit the mixing of gametes between close relatives who are either genetically related or unrelated
- Prohibit the mixing of gametes between close relatives who are genetically related

It's important for us to understand the reason for your answer above. Please give a brief explanation. *1600 character limit*

2. Which of the following approaches do you think we should take towards donation between family members? (Please select more than one if necessary)

- No further regulatory control
- Issue guidance to clinics on handling donation between family members
- Invite the counselling profession to produce guidance for clinics on handling donation between family members
- Require clinics to have a strategy in place to deal with cases of donation between family members

It's important for us to understand the reason for your answer above. Please give a brief explanation. *1600 character limit*

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3. Do you think any of the family donation options would have a disproportionate effect on any groups of people on the basis of their age, disability, ethnicity or race, religion, gender or sexual orientation?

- Yes
- No
- I have no view

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