

Dear Participant,

**Selling your eggs:**

***Young women's attitudes and ethical considerations regarding financial compensation for egg donation***

You are being invited to take part in a research study. Before you decide it is important for you to understand why the research is being done and what it will involve. Please take time to read the following information carefully. Talk to others about the study if you wish.

- Part 1 tells you the purpose of this study and what will happen to you if you take part.
- Part 2 gives you more detailed information about the conduct of the study.

Ask us if there is anything that is not clear or if you would like more information. Take time to decide whether or not you wish to take part.

**1. What is the purpose of the study?**

This study is being undertaken as part of my undergraduate medical training. The study aims to collect and analyse different views on paying women who donate their eggs for treatment or research.

If you wish, you can find out more information about egg donation at the National Gamete Donation Trust <http://www.ngdt.co.uk/>

**2. Why have I been chosen?**

You have been chosen because you are a woman between the ages of 18 and 30. This means you are in the sector of the population that might be able to donate your eggs, if you chose to do so. This study does NOT advocate egg donation – merely seeks to understand views about it.

**3. Do I have to take part?**

No. It is up to you to decide whether or not to take part. If you do, you will be asked to study this information carefully, ask any questions that might arise and just before your interview you will be asked to sign a consent form. Even once the interview has started you are still free to withdraw at any time and without giving a reason.

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#### **4. What will happen to me if I take part?**

I will interview you and the interview will be recorded and transcribed. We will talk for as long as you wish but it would be rare for the interview to take more than one hour. The interview will take place in a private room in the BSMS teaching building on Sussex Campus or a location of your choosing. No answers are 'wrong' or 'right' in this interview and any opinions expressed will be respected.

#### **5. What are the other possible disadvantages and risks of taking part?**

As this is an interview based study, there will be minimal risks to you. However, as some participants might find this a sensitive topic, I will ensure that you are comfortable to proceed and check that you are happy to continue once the interview is underway. Support will be available to any participants who find the process upsetting or challenging.

#### **6. What are the possible benefits of taking part?**

You will get to discuss a current and relevant topic to young women of your age in a neutral and safe environment.

#### **7. What if there is a problem?**

Any complaint about the way you have been dealt with during the study or any possible harm you might suffer will be addressed by the medical school. The detailed information on this is given in Part 2.

#### **8. Will my taking part in the study be kept confidential?**

Yes. All the information about your participation in this study will be kept confidential. The details are included in Part 2.

#### **11. Contact Details:**

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Brighton and Sussex Medical School  
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## **Part 2**

### **1. What will happen if I don't want to carry on with the study?**

If you withdraw from the study, we will ask to keep and use any data collected, but if you would prefer us to do so we can destroy the interview recording and transcripts.

### **2. What if there is a problem?**

As this study is interview based, it is not anticipated that any problems will occur. However, if you do have any concerns or complaints, you should discuss these with the researcher (Name) or her supervisor Professor (Name).

### **3. Complaints**

If you have a concern about any aspect of this study, please contact Professor (Name) in the full knowledge that your concerns will be investigated.

### **4. Harm**

The University of Sussex has insurance in place to cover its legal liability should any harm arise from this study.

### **5. Will my taking part in this study be kept confidential?**

All information which is collected about you during the course of the research will be kept strictly confidential. The interviews will be professionally transcribed and only the researchers will receive the transcripts. These transcripts will be anonymous, only identified by a number. Short, anonymous quotes will be used in the final project write-up.

### **6. What will happen to the results of the research study?**

The results of the research study will be written and up and submitted as an Individual Research Project which is an element of the Year 4 curriculum at BSMS. The dissertation will be marked by two members of faculty and results will also be presented at the Individual Research Project Conference to medical school staff and students. A short report will also be prepared especially for participants.

### **7. Who is organising and funding the research?**

The research is organised and funded by Brighton and Sussex Medical School.

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## **8. Who has reviewed the study?**

This study was given ethics approval by Brighton and Sussex Medical School's Research Governance and Ethics Committee (RGEC).

Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.

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