Amongst the top fertility centres in the UK
- Excellent success rates
- Pioneering fertility techniques
- Over 20 years of expertise
- Renowned fertility consultants

You can see our latest, independently verified pregnancy success rates at: www.hfea.gov.uk

Come and meet the team
You may be referred to Bath Fertility Centre for Reproductive Medicine through the NHS by your family doctor or you can self-refer privately.

If you are thinking about undergoing fertility treatment with us, we’d be delighted to welcome you to one of our regular open evenings or if you prefer, come in for a free introductory visit with one of our patient advisors.

Egg Donation and Egg Sharing
Types of donor
- Altruistic donors who are anonymous to the recipient
- Known donors – donating to a friend or relative specifically
- Egg sharers who are giving half of their own eggs anonymously to the recipient

Can I be anonymous?
Egg donors remain anonymous to the recipient, but the regulations in the UK give any child born as a result of donation, the right to find out who the biological parent is when they reach their 18th birthday (or after their 16th birthday, if they are getting married). The donor’s identity is held centrally by the HFEA (Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority). We do ask our donors to provide a brief introduction about themselves and why they want to donate which is available to the recipients.

Joining the programme
If you are accepted as an egg donor or egg sharer, you will have a session with our fertility counsellor to discuss the implications of donation.
You will also be officially registered with the HFEA Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority as an egg donor.
You will then be provided with a treatment schedule to prepare you for the egg collection.

What happens to my donated eggs?
The donated eggs are fertilised with the recipient’s partner sperm to create their embryos, and the recipient then has a suitable embryo transferred into their uterus to create their own pregnancy with the same chance of success as anyone else. You can be told if the donation is successful and whether the baby is a boy or a girl.

The child will be registered in the recipient’s name and there are no rights or responsibilities either way after donation has taken place.

What is Egg Donation?
We have an active Egg Donation Programme at Bath Fertility Centre, to help women conceive when they cannot use their own eggs.

Egg donation gives hope to women who previously thought they would be unable to have children. The sort of reasons for this are:
- Early menopause
- Ovaries removed due to disease
- Absent ovaries from birth (e.g. Turner’s Syndrome)
- More rarely – to avoid the risk of passing on a genetic disorder to their children

Can I be an egg donor?
To donate eggs you need to be under 36 years of age. Many of our donors wish to donate because they are aware of friends or relatives who need fertility treatment. They may donate altruistically to our programme, or through known donation to their friend/relative. Although many donors will have their own children, it is not an essential requirement.

Can I be an egg sharer?
Some women wish to share their eggs from their own IVF treatment, in return for financial help in funding their own treatment. In these circumstances the egg recipient will contribute significantly to the donor’s treatment costs, in return for the donated eggs.

Donor screening
It is a legal requirement for all egg donors to be screened in the same way as tissue donors. An infection screen, as well as genetic and chromosome screening, is required. These are all blood tests.
Unfortunately not all women wishing to donate their eggs or share their eggs will be suitable, and may not pass the screening process. The most common reason for not being accepted is a concern about responding adequately to the treatment. Less commonly, the screening may flag up other issues.

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