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Yes

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No

Questions about the proposed amendments to the guidelines

Question 1

Do you agree with ACART's conclusions that:

- the surrogacy guidelines currently discriminate on the basis of sex and sexual orientation, and
- the discrimination is not justified in light of the principles of the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Act 2004?

Yes

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

These current guidelines discriminate against homosexual people particularly, when all evidence shows that people are born homosexual and it is not a choice – they are being discriminated upon for how they are born to be. The guidelines should reflect a change in times and attitude and show acceptance and enable all people to access a way to have a family within a fair framework.

Question 2

Do you agree with ACART's view that surrogacy should be used only where there is a need, and not for convenience?

Yes

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

The guidelines should reflect a change in the range of people that can access surrogacy in particular, but there should be a framework in place to protect both parties and make it on a need for need basis and not for convenience (which can be a slippery slope to commercial surrogacy)

Question 3

Do you have any other comments on ACART's proposed amendments to the *Guidelines on Surrogacy Arrangements involving Providers of Fertility Services*?

We agree with all amendments

Question 4

Do you agree with ACART's proposal that single men and male couples applying to ECART to enter a surrogacy arrangement should also be able to apply to use eggs donated by a family member?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

These changes should be made so eggs from a family member can be accessed under the same application if required – but should not be made a necessity as one of the parties will still be a genetic parent to the offspring.

Question 5

Do you agree with ACART's proposal that single women and lesbian couples should be able to apply to ECART to use sperm donated by a family member without needing a medical justification?

Yes ☒ No ☐

Please give reasons for your views.

They should be able to if they wish – though currently most people would home inseminate assuming they don't need medical intervention.

Question 6

Do you agree with ACART's view that the use of eggs or sperm donated by a family member should be possible only where intending parents do not have their own eggs or sperm, or if they do, that there is a medical reason for them not to use their own eggs or sperm?

Yes

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No

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Please give reasons for your views.

This is a fair option for affected parents

Question 7

Do you have any other comments or suggestions about either the proposed amendments to the guidelines or the associated discussion?

To make sure CYF would reflect these changes in their adoption guidelines – as currently gay couples can't adopt their own child.