



THE EVEWELL

Implications Counselling

The aim of implications counselling is to explore the legal, social, and ethical implications of donation or surrogacy, as well as to provide patients with the opportunity to discuss concerns and anxieties for yourself, your partner and any child that you may have through treatment.

Why have implications counselling?

Have you thought about:

- The rights your donor has to information about your child and the right your donor has to withdraw their consent to your use of their gametes?
- Your legal rights as the parent?
- The increased use of direct-to-consumer DNA testing (ie 23andMe) that may create links with their donor or donor-conceived siblings well before they are 18 and outside of the HFEA's managed system?
- How, when and if you will communicate to family and friends about your treatment?
- How and when you will tell your child about how they were conceived?
- How you might feel if your child wishes to find out about or develop a relationship with their donor parent when they turn 18?
- How you or your child might feel about finding out about other donor-conceived siblings they may have?

These are some of the topics that the counsellor will explore with you as part of your session. The team will talk with you about this following your consultation.