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Dear Kate

Consultation on Human Bodies in Medicine and Research

Thank you for asking the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) to comment on the proposals outlined in the document.

Gamete donation is an important issue for members of the RCOG, and is regulated by a HFEA Act 1990 and overseen by the HFEA. We welcome the opportunity for a body not involved in this regulation to take a fresh look at these issues and anticipate that this will allow new aspects to be raised and older ones to be revisited. There is increasing concern about the large number of UK women seeking treatment abroad which has substantial issues for them, the women donating eggs, and their health care on their return. We look forward to all these issues being fully debated.

With best wishes

Yours sincerely

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