Do you identify as a gay man, do you live in the UK and have you pursued surrogacy in the UK or overseas?

My name is Marcin Smietana and I am a research associate in the Reproductive Sociology Research Group, University of Cambridge - I would like to invite you to participate in the study of gay men’s experiences of surrogacy, which is part of a larger research project about contemporary changes in reproductive behaviours and perceptions, Changing (In)Fertilities. Whether you are in the surrogacy process or have completed it, and whether you have pursued surrogacy in the UK or overseas, please contact me at ms935@cam.ac.uk

What would I ask you to do?

If you agree to participate in this research, I will conduct an interview with you – due to the current social distancing measures, it should happen online, preferably through a video call. It may take approximately an hour, but if you have less time, we can accommodate that too. It will involve questions about your motivations and paths to surrogacy as well as your experience of the process.

Why take part?

It is hoped that this research will contribute to articulating the rights, interests and aspirations of all parties involved in surrogacy, and to counteracting social prejudice and legal barriers to family formation.

What will happen after the research?

With your consent, the interview will be recorded. All the data will be confidential and securely stored, and your data will never be made public. The anonymous research findings will be presented at academic, community and policy events as well as in publications.

The project has received funding from the British Wellcome Trust. It has been approved by the Research Ethics Committee, Sociology Department, University of Cambridge.

https://www.cifp.sociology.cam.ac.uk/work-packages/lgbtq-in-fertilities