Interview schedule, Phase 1

Opening:

* Thanks for agreeing to interview.
* Check they have read the participant information sheet and consent form. Give opportunity for any questions. Take verbal consent and ask for signed copy of consent form to be emailed or posted.

Introduction and rapport building:

We wanted to talk to you in particular because of your expertise in [xxxx], and your particular role at [organisation].

* = Key question
* = prompt/ follow – up question if time

1. **Stakeholders and role in policy**

* Can you start by telling me a bit about the role you/ your organisation plays in law/regulation/policy/guidance in relation to egg donation?

Prompts/ further questions if time:

* What other groups or individuals are usually involved in policy consultations?
* How/are the views of egg providers captured in policy/legal changes? (are they specifically included in policy consultations?)

1. **About egg donation**

* How significant a part of the fertility industry would you say egg donation is? Is egg donation growing in popularity/ prevalence?
* If yes, why do you think this might be?
* What are your opinions on how egg donation is funded [in country]?

1. **Challenges to policy and policy options**

* What particular challenges would you say egg donation raises in relation to policy?

Despite Europe wide- guidance (perhaps say what we mean here, EU Tissue and Cells directive etc) countries appear to have regulated egg donation quite differently. The reasoning behind this is something we want to explore in our research. We have identified 10 areas where regulations and guidelines around egg donation seem to differ across the 3 countries we are researching: and we’d like your reactions to this (see table):

* What are your initial responses to this list?
* Why do you think these differences exist?
* Of these, what has the biggest policy challenge in [the UK/Belgium/Spain] been?
* How has this been addressed?
* What have the impacts of this policy been and have there any unintended consequences?
* We also wanted to ask your opinion about donor-recipient matching policies, there doesn’t seem to be any national guidance on this aspect of egg donation. What are your thoughts on how this is organised?
* Do you think we have got it about right in the UK?
* Do you think current policy on egg donation takes enough account of the welfare of women who provide their eggs?’

1. **Future**

* Do you know if there are any policy changes on the horizon?
* Promt – are there other policy or technology developments in the field that might have an impact? E.g. surrogacy, egg freezing, egg banking etc.
* If you could set the agenda, what kinds of changes/improvements to the way egg donation is regulated could be made?

Closing:

* Are there any additional issues raised in egg donation practices that we have not discussed? Do you have anything else to add?

Thanks for your time.