

Access to parenthood for homosexual couples

Legislation	Switzerland	Scotland
Gay wedding	✓	✓
Adoption	✓	✓
Medically assisted procreation	~	✓
Artificial insemination with donor	~	✓
Surrogate	X	✓
Egg donation	X	✓
Embryo transfer	X	✓

~ Limited access, X : Not authorised, ✓ : Authorised

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Ressources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PROFA Famille Arc en ciel 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fertility Network UK Human Fertilisation & Embriology Authority

Context

- Advances in reproductive treatment such as egg and sperm donation, surrogacy and assisted reproductive techniques assist individuals and homosexual couples become parents.
- The rights of homosexual individuals and couples accessing reproductive treatment varies depending on the country they live.

Definition

Medically assisted reproduction (MAP):
Methods of inducing pregnancy outside the natural union of man and woman, in particular insemination, in vitro fertilization with embryo transfer and gamete transfer.

Insemination:
The introduction of sperm into a woman's genital tract with the aid of instruments.

Surrogate:
A woman who agrees to carry a child conceived by means of a medically assisted reproduction method and to hand it over permanently to a third party after the birth.

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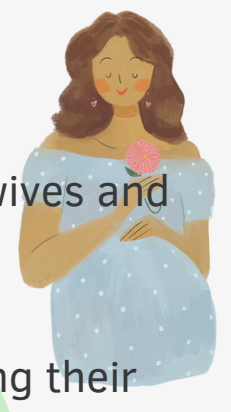
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Midwife roles

- Developing meeting spaces between midwives and LGBTQIA+ community members
- Fighting discrimination
- Advising and reassure gay couple concerning their parenthood abilities
- Developing partnership with associations fighting for LGBTQIA+ community's rights
- Preparing couples for parenthood, accompanying them through this process, and being able to provide information about different fertility options



Identified difficulties among LGBTQIA+ couples :

- The impossibility of thinking of oneself as a parent
- Fear of violating children's rights
- Fear of passing on the stigma
- Fear of introducing their LGBTIQ+ partner
- The greater discrimination that trans and intersex people suffer.

