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The demand for human gametes donated for reproductive purposes exceeds supply. Currently, clinics make their own decisions about who to accept onto waiting lists for donated sperm and eggs, and how to allocate these to those who are waiting. This project aims to combine qualitative data with philosophical analysis in order to determine the allocation criteria that are currently being used by clinics in the UK, and to establish guidelines for which criteria ought to be used in the future. The result will be an empirically-informed set of guidelines for policy generation.

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