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Fertility trend: childless want personal knowledge on sperm donors

Childless Britons are increasingly choosing extended sperm donor profiles that provide the most detailed information about the donor. The world's largest sperm bank reports a global phenomenon.

When childless single women and couples in Great Britain make use of sperm donors, they are increasingly interested in the donor's personality, according to the world's largest sperm bank, the Danish Cryos International. For three years, the sperm bank has seen an upward demand on the British market for non-anonymous sperm donors with extended profiles containing extra information about the sperm donors.

- How does his voice sound? What kind of person is he, and what does he look like? Choosing a sperm donor for one's future child is a huge decision with big consequences. Some of our sperm donors have extended profiles with a lot of extra personal information, and they are growing in popularity among our British clients, says CEO Peter Reeslev.

His claim is confirmed by the numbers. In 2015, 37 percent of Cryos' UK clients chose a sperm donor with an extended profile. Just three years later, that number had increased to 52 percent. Reeslev adds that the increase must be seen in the light of the increasing number of lesbian couples and single women choosing to have a donor child, and it's exactly here the demand for donors with extended profiles comes from.

Knowing your Donor

British single women and couples are far from alone in being interested in the personal details that make each sperm donor unique. Globally, Cryos is experiencing increasing demand for non-anonymous sperm donors with extended profiles.

By choosing a non-anonymous donor, the child will have the opportunity to contact the donor in the future. The extended profile provides access to information about the donor's education, family background, personality, emotional intelligence, as well as a photo of the donor as a child, a handwritten greeting, and an audio file with a recording of his voice.

- Right now, our clients are very interested in new knowledge about our sperm donors. We give high priority to continuously developing new opportunities to gain a greater insight into the sperm donor, his world, and personality. Remember, the childless are left alone with a life-defining choice for themselves and their future child, says Peter Reeslev, adding that many also use the extended profiles as background information to tell their child about its biological origins, if he or she one day poses questions to it.

Placing demands on the donor

The great interest in the sperm donors' physique and psyche not only poses demands to Cryos but also the donors.

- When you share so much information about yourself, it's because you want to help others achieve a dream and wish to give the child the opportunity to choose whether it wants to know more about its biological origin, explains Peter Reeslev.

By default, Cryos' has a number of strict <u>health requirements</u> that all sperm donors must meet. Globally, Cryos donates semen to more than 100 countries, and the sperm bank's donors have contributed to more than 65,000 donor children worldwide.

Cryos is an international sperm- and egg bank with more than 30 years in the industry. We are the world's largest sperm bank with more than 1,000 donors both anonymous and non-anonymous – and with the largest number of registered pregnancies. Cryos' vision is to help the childless fulfill the dream of having a child. https://dk.cryosinternational.com/