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Families Through Surrogacy

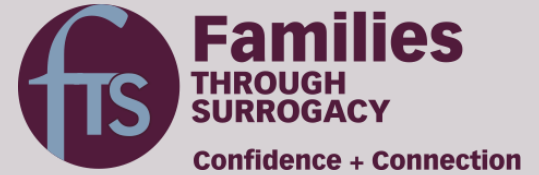


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## Surrogacy Journeys – Key Decisions

# What is FTS?



Best-practice conferences & seminars for  
intended parents

Events run by parents & surrogates

Focus on education & best practice

Website resources

Consultancy to assist intended parents

# What You Will Need

**Patience & Resolve**

**Flexibility**

**Trust**

**Project Management Skills**

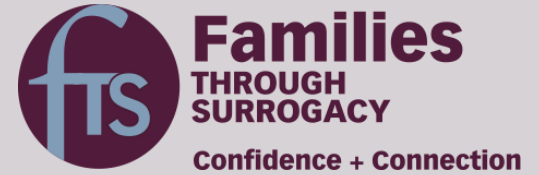
**Financial Commitment**



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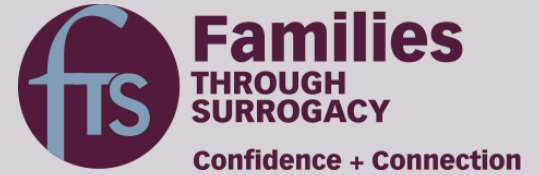
# Types of Surrogacy



Traditional Surrogacy – Surrogate uses own eggs, no IVF may be required (home-based)  
- 50% of UK arrangements

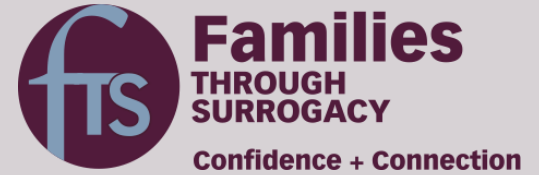
Gestational Surrogacy – intended parent or donor eggs used  
- used in all agency-supervised surrogacy

# Factors to Consider in Choosing Country



1. Relationship you want with surrogate
2. Eligibility (Sexuality/ marital status)
3. Legal Protections
3. Affordability
5. Relationship with Egg Donor
6. Time away from work/home
7. Reliability of process

# International Surrogacy

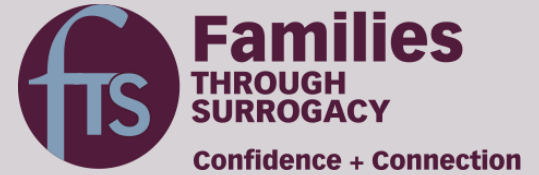


- Few countries have laws which recognise non-citizens as the legal parent after surrogacy
- You are better protected if you engage in countries with surrogacy-specific laws
- Understand what rights you and your surrogate have in the country you engage in
- Surrogacy is often a two+ year journey



Country	Legal Status
US	legal protection in some states
Canada	legal protection in some provinces
Ukraine	legal protection
Georgia	legal protection
Greece	legal protection
Russia	legal protection
UK	legally sanctioned but contracts not enforceable
Kenya	No legal protection
Laos	No legal protection
Mexico	No legal protection
Malaysia	No legal protection

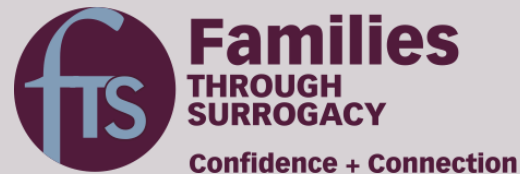
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Ukraine	Married heterosexual	Commercial	Varies by clinic	2 - 4 weeks
Georgia	Hetero couples	Commercial	?	2 - 4 weeks
Greece	Hetero couples, single women	Altruistic	Good	3 – 4 weeks
Russia	Hetero couples, singles	Commercial	?	2 - 4 weeks

# Relationship You want with Surrogate

## Close/ Ongoing contact possible

- UK
- US
- Canada

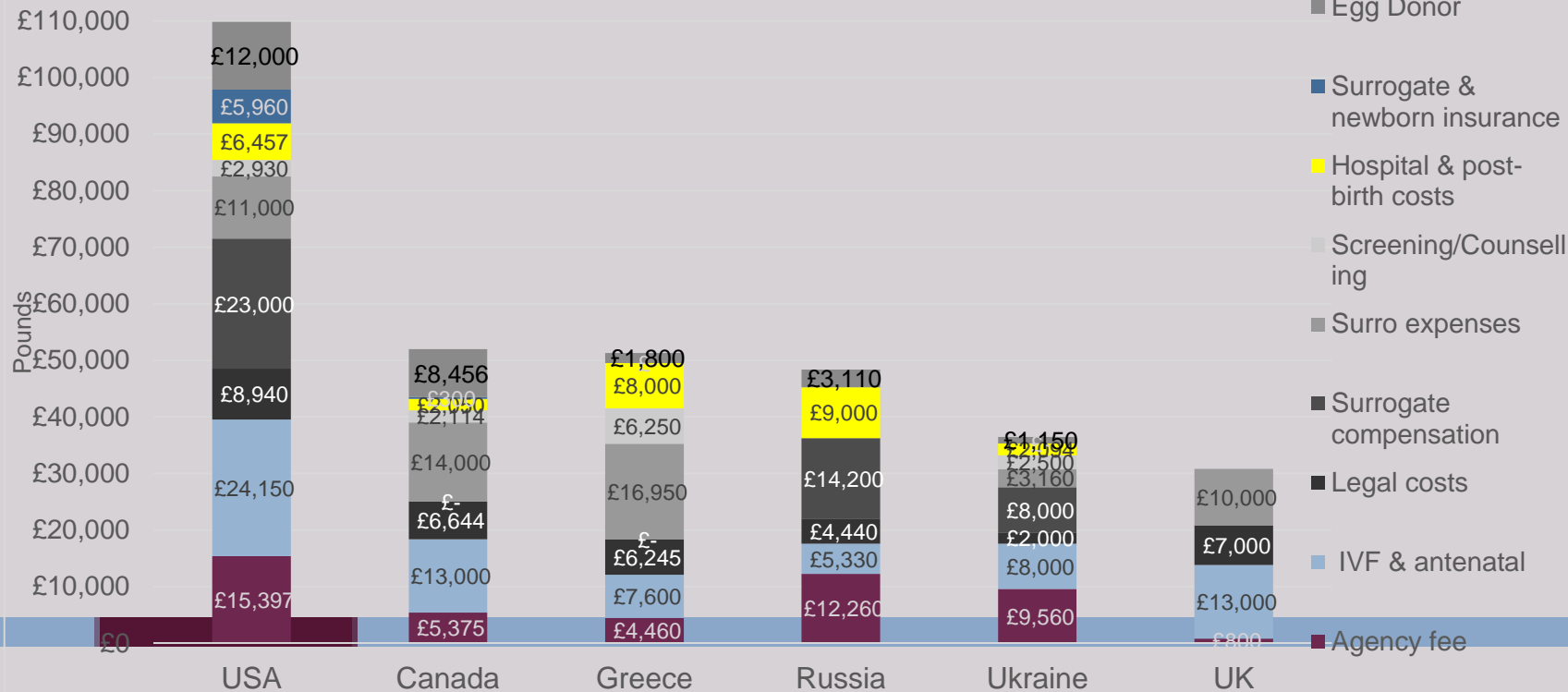
## Distant relationship

- Ukraine
- Russia
- Greece

Low level of engagement



# Baseline Costs



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Final Costs often 50% higher than baseline due to

- Travel & accommodation
- Failed IVF cycles
- Failed implantations/miscarriages
- Need to switch to donor eggs
- Need to switch surrogates

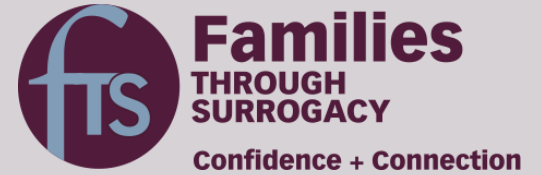
# How Long Can you Be Away?

(UK citizens)

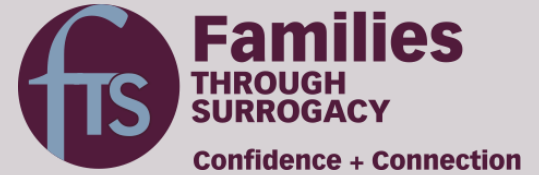
Country	Grants Passport of COB	Child travels to UK on..	Time in country post birth
USA	Yes	US passport	2 - 3 weeks
Canada	yes	Canadian passport	2 - 3 weeks
Greece	no	UK passport	?
Ukraine, Russia	no	UK passport	4 months

Passport processing times depend on your own country of citizenship

# UK Surrogacy



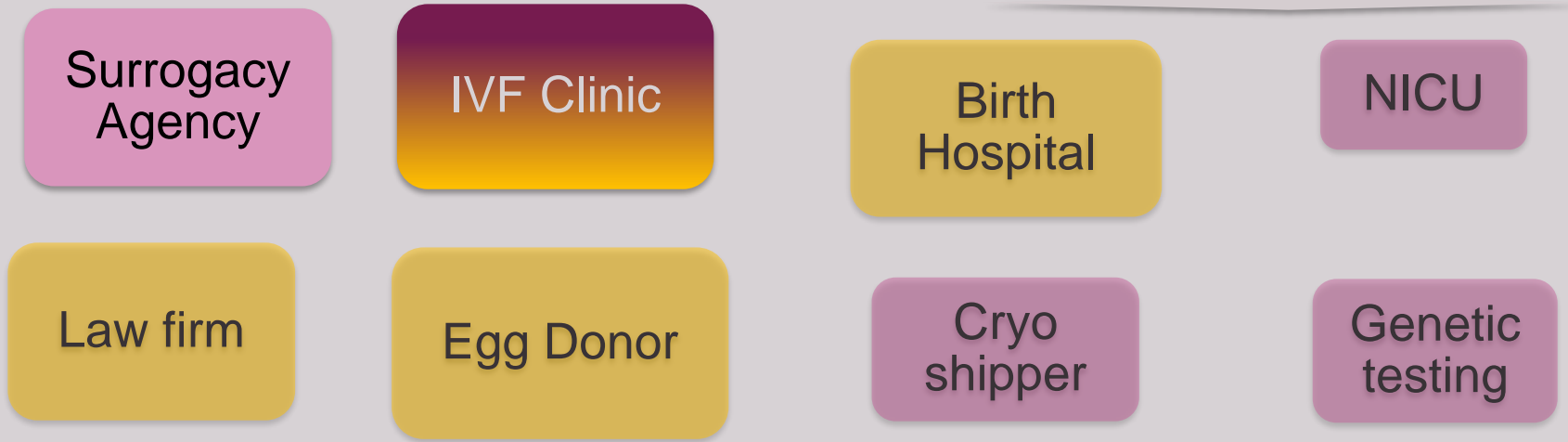
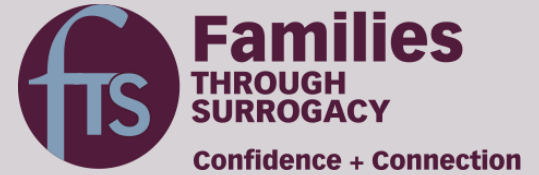
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Best-suited to those who

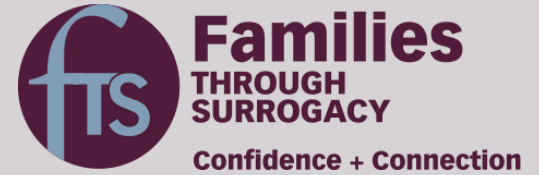
- have 2+ children; Are 48+ (Australian surrogates less likely to choose)
- Are impatient to move forward (Aust surrogacy requires much prep)
- Prefer professionally screened surrogates (level differs by country)
- Prefer support through-out journey
- May be comfortable with lesser relationship with surrogate

# Surrogacy Service Providers



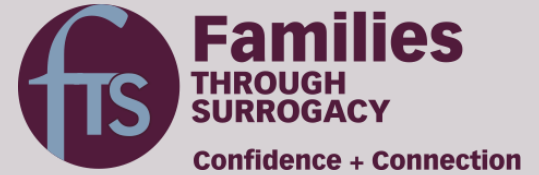


# Choosing a Provider



- Trust is key
- Talk to other parents who have used them (phone or face-to-face)
- Are they familiar with exit processes for Australians?
- Look at FTS reviews of providers (>525 reviews)

# Further Advice



- Families Through Surrogacy can provide customised advice
- a Skype consult followed by a step-by-step plan customised to your situation.
- designed to provide specific guidance for a safe, legal route to surrogacy in a country which fits your budget, relationship status & risk profile.