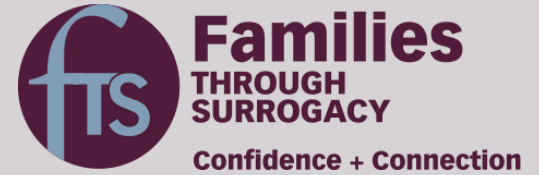


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# The Surrogacy Journey

## Your 7 step plan

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## STEP 1 - OBTAIN LEGAL ADVICE

- Before travelling abroad engage the services of a solicitor
- We will offer advice to you as intended parents
- We will discuss your experience so far, give you advice, and answer any initial questions that you may have.



## STEP 2 - IDENTIFY A DESTINATION/CLINIC

- Intended parents will have a raft of information and choice to deal with and we at D'Arcy Horan will be happy to give guidance
- Deciding which country/surrogacy clinic to engage is a very personal decision
- Find a clinic with whom you find it easy to communicate; in person, on the phone and by email
- This clinic will be your main point of contact for the gestation period



## STEP 3 - SIGN SURROGACY AGREEMENT/DONOR AGREEMENT

- The most vital step on your surrogacy journey is the signing of an agreement between you the intended parents, the surrogate and the clinic.
- This must be done before embryo transfer



## STEP 4 – PREPARATION FOR ARRIVAL

- At least four weeks in advance of your due date we will be liaising with the clinic and your foreign lawyer/exit specialist finalising all documents that will be required
- This will include the documents you will need when you return to Ireland
- We will also organise for your DNA testing kit to be sent to your destination of choice.

## STEP 5 – BIRTH & EXIT STRATEGY



- This is the most exciting step on your surrogacy journey
- As we are all aware babies are unpredictable and may arrive early or late
- Intended parents must be prepared to leave at the drop of a hat the nearer it gets to the due date
- We will guide you and your baby to a smooth exit and journey home



## STEP 6 – IRISH COURT APPLICATIONS

- We will have all documentation prepared and make all required preliminary applications immediately upon your return to Ireland
- Compliance with undertakings (Ukraine)
- The aim is to achieve finalisation of all legal matters including parentage, guardianship and custody for the new parents as soon as possible

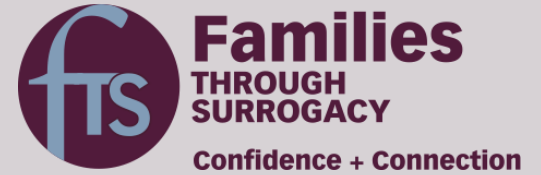


## STEP 7 – GUARDIANSHIP APPLICATION FOR MOTHER

- Following a recent change to Irish Guardianship Laws after two years residing with the child the mother can apply for an order appointing her joint guardian of the child or children
- This is a very straight forward application and firmly cements the family unit safely in Irish law.



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# Questions ?

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