

CONTACT YOUR MSP

Let them know that decriminalising abortion is wrong for Scotland

HERE ARE SOME TALKING POINTS FOR WHEN YOU CONTACT YOUR MSP. YOU DON'T NEED TO INCLUDE ALL OF THEM, BUT THEY ARE A GOOD STARTING POINT FOR YOUR COMMUNICATION:

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- Very few studies have been done in the UK regarding the long-term effects of abortion on women's mental and physical health. It is irresponsible to extend access to abortion without this information. *International studies have shown that abortion can have a significantly negative effect on a woman's mental health.*
- A register-based study in Finland found women are six times more likely to commit suicide after abortion compared to women who carried pregnancies to term.
- A 2016 American study found women who have had an abortion have a 30% elevated risk of depression and 25% elevated risk of anxiety.
- It is wrong to allow women to take abortion pills at home, where they will not have the support of qualified medical professionals or access to emergency medical treatment.
- Those who campaign to decriminalise abortion insinuate that women risk life imprisonment in procuring an abortion. In the 50 years since the 1967 Abortion Act, and 8.9 million abortions, only two women have been prosecuted. The campaign is using fear to manipulate the way people view the issue.
- Abortion is not like any other medical treatment, and therefore it should be regulated differently from any other medical treatment.
- The vast majority of abortions happen for 'social' reasons, as Ann Furedi, CEO of BPAS, herself admitted. There are few other medical treatments that people procure for social reasons.
- Abortion is unlike any other medical treatment because it involves the deliberate ending of a human life.
- It is important that medical professionals have the right to conscientious objection and will not be compelled to participate in providing abortion.
- Abortion decriminalisation does not have public support. A 2017 ComRes poll found that 72% of those polled would like abortion to be kept within a legal framework, meaning they did not support decriminalisation.
- A 2017 poll found that 70% of women would like to see the current time limit for abortion lowered, not extended.