

## PROLIFE FACTS

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Greens, Labour and Act. If they succeed, abortion will be transferred from criminal law to the health sector, potentially allowing for pregnant women to have their babies aborted up to 9 months gestation.

The Conservative party has an unshakeable respect for human life, therefore this is not something the Conservatives can agree with. In fact, there are good reasons to correct injustices in the present law, before giving any consideration to removing the safeguards that it does provide. Hence the Conservatives' policy to modify, not repeal the present abortion law.

Among the proposed modifications would be: (1) Following the example of many US states in banning abortion later than 20 weeks gestation, because of the scientifically proven pain experienced by the unborn child during abortion - pain which becomes excruciating at 19 weeks gestation. (2) Counselling to pregnant women must be away from abortion clinics, and the women must be given 48 hours to reflect in their decisions after counselling. Also a certifying consultant cannot be the abortionist.

(3) Bringing those found to have coerced women into having an abortion to justice.

(4) Pregnant women to be informed of treatment that can sometimes stop chemical abortions. (5) For all girls under the age of 16 years, parents to be notified of pregnancy/abortion.

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Among the proposed modifications would be:

(1) Banning abortion later than 20 weeks gestation; (2) Requiring counselling to pregnant women to be provided away from abortion clinics; (3) Legislating against coerced abortion; (4) Informing pregnant women of treatment that can sometimes stop chemical abortions; (5) Notifying parents of girls under 16 of pregnancy/abortion.

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