



## Write to the House of Lords about Abortion

***You can use the bullet points below to shape your communication with Peers - please use your own words as far as possible***

- Clause 191 was spurred on by a very small number of high-profile media stories of women being investigated: just 6 cases in the last 2 years. Although these are undoubtedly tragic cases, exceptional cases make for poor legislation, and regularly have unintended consequences.
- The cases which have arisen were rooted in the risky practice of 'abortion pills by post', which are now provided without an in-person appointment, and can mean pills being provided when they shouldn't have been. Amendment 460 would restore the previous safeguard and require in-person consultation before abortion pills are issued - please speak in favour of this change.
- The UK abortion time limit of 24 weeks is already significantly higher than in many other European countries, which generally have time limits around 10-14 weeks. At 24 weeks, the law recognises that babies are "viable": that is, they can live outside the womb.
- There has been no impact assessment conducted into the effects of Clause 191, even though it is widely understood that later abortions are significantly more risky for women: the recent statistics released about abortions in 2023 revealed that 21.4% of all abortion complications arose at 20 weeks or later, despite these late abortions representing just 1% of all abortions.
- Clause 191, and the lack of in-person consultations for abortion pills, put at risk mothers who are suffering from coercion, such as those in abusive relationships. For example, an in-person check would have prevented the case of Stuart Worby, who was convicted in October 2024 of giving abortion pills to his pregnant partner without her knowledge.
- Because Clause 191 decriminalises abortion up-to-birth for any reason, it does not protect babies from the risk of sex-selective abortion. A recent [Mail-on-Sunday report](#) revealed that it is likely that this is still being practised within certain communities. Amendment 459, which we support, would maintain the possibility of prosecution in cases such as these.

**We believe the Peers listed below are most likely to be open to opposing Clause 191, so please do encourage them to speak during the debate.**

You can write to as many of these as you would like, but if selecting a sample, please select names from this list at random, to give us the best chance of hitting a wide range of names.

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