

## Consultation questions

Question 1: Should the gestational limit for early terminations of pregnancy be:	Yes	No
Up to 12 weeks gestation (11 weeks + 6 days)		
Up to 14 weeks gestation (13 weeks + 6 days)		
If neither, what alternative approach would you suggest?		

Question 2: Should a limited form of certification by a healthcare professional be required for early terminations of pregnancy?	Yes	No
If no, what alternative approach would you suggest?		

Question 3: Should the gestational time limit in circumstances where the continuance of the pregnancy would cause risk of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman or girl, or any existing children or her family, greater than the risk of terminating the pregnancy, be:	Yes	No
21 weeks + 6 days gestation		
23 weeks + 6 days gestation		
If neither, what alternative approach would you suggest?		
Question 4: Should abortion without time limit be available for fetal abnormality where there is a substantial risk that:	Yes	No
The fetus would die in utero (in the womb) or shortly after birth		
The fetus if born would suffer a severe impairment, including a mental or physical disability which is likely to significantly limit either the length or quality of the child's life		
If you answered 'no', what alternative approach would you suggest?		

<b>Question 5: Do you agree that provision should be made for abortion without gestational time limit where:</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
There is a risk to the life of the woman or girl greater than if the pregnancy were terminated?		
Termination is necessary to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman or girl?		
If you answered 'no', what alternative provision do you suggest?		

<b>Question 6: Do you agree that a medical practitioner or any other registered healthcare professional should be able to provide terminations provided they are appropriately trained and competent to provide the treatment in accordance with their professional body's requirements and guidelines?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?		

<b>Question 7: Do you agree that the model of service delivery for Northern Ireland should provide for flexibility on where abortion procedures can take place and be able to be developed within Northern Ireland?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</b>		

<b>Question 8: Do you agree that terminations after 22/24 weeks should only be undertaken by health and social care providers within acute sector hospitals?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</b>		

<b>Question 9: Do you think that a process of certification by two healthcare professionals should be put in place for abortions after 12/14 weeks gestation in Northern Ireland?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Alternatively, do you think that a process of certification by only one healthcare professional is suitable in Northern Ireland for abortions after 12/14 weeks gestation?</b>		
<b>If you answered 'no' to either or both of the above, what alternative provision do you suggest?</b>		

<b>Question 10: Do you consider a notification process should be put in place in Northern Ireland to provide scrutiny of the services provided, as well as ensuring data is available to provide transparency around access to services?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</b>		

Question 11: Do you agree that the proposed conscientious objection provision should reflect practice in the rest of the United Kingdom, covering participation in the whole course of treatment for the abortion, but not associated ancillary, administrative or managerial tasks?	Yes	No
<p>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</p>		

Question 12: Do you think any further protections or clarification regarding conscientious objection is required in the regulations?	Yes	No
<p>If you answered 'yes', please suggest additional measures that would improve the regulations:</p>		

<b>Question 13: Do you agree that there should be provision for powers which allow for an exclusion or safe zone to be put in place?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</b>		

<b>Question 14: Do you consider there should also be a power to designate a separate zone where protest can take place under certain conditions?</b>	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>If you answered 'no', what alternative approach do you suggest?</b>		

**Question 15: Have you any other comments you wish to make about the proposed new legal framework for abortion services in Northern Ireland?**