

Your questions on pregnancy and abortion

What is the 8th Amendment?

What will we be asked to vote on?

What happens if we vote Yes?

What happens if we vote No?

How has the 8th affected the lives of women such as Savita Halappanavar?

Why is there a proposal for 12 weeks?

What about abortion pills?

Does abortion harm a woman?

What protection will a developing foetus have after we vote yes?

Will we have the same law as in the UK?

If we vote yes, will there be late term abortions?

Will disability be a ground for abortion?

What happens to women and girls who are pregnant from rape or incest?

What happens if a woman is told that her developing baby will die before or shortly after birth?

What happens to a woman if a medical problem develops during her pregnancy?

Can doctors provide any treatment necessary to protect a woman's health?

If we vote yes, will there be late term abortions?

Abortions will only be carried out after 12 weeks in cases of serious harm to a woman's health or her life or in cases of fatal foetal anomaly, and only with the certification of two doctors. These decisions will not be taken lightly, but doctors will be able to intervene to avoid serious harm to a woman's health when necessary.

We know from other European countries that where abortion is legal, women access services as early as possible but we need to ensure that interventions can take place as late as necessary to preserve a woman's health.

Voting YES to removing the 8th will offer resolution to the terrible dilemmas that doctors have described, like cases of fatal foetal anomalies, where they are unable, under the current law, to intervene and care for their patients.

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