

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?

Why does this referendum concern us all?

Abortion is already happening in Ireland. Everybody acknowledges that. We just have unsafe abortions. Women are taking abortion pills every day, unsupported and alone in their bedrooms and bathrooms. So this is a vote to decide if we are going to regulate it, make it safe and care for the women who need it. This is a vote about how we as a country treat pregnant women in a crisis situation.

Pregnancies can go wrong or become a crisis. No woman wants to have an abortion, and no woman takes the decision lightly. But life can be complicated. Under the law as it stands, we leave these women exposed to risk. We refuse them care at a time of crisis.

By voting YES, we will vote for a more compassionate Ireland where a woman who needs to end her pregnancy can be allowed to access an abortion under the care of her doctor.

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