

EMPOWERED TO CARE

an agenda for positive pregnancy care

There is a majority in Northern Ireland...

a majority that crosses the religious divide, embraces both genders, reaches across the generations

This majority is...

democratic – a clear majority of the people of Northern Ireland support our present laws on abortion

inclusive – a cross community majority supports the present law

diverse – majorities of women and men, old and young support our laws protecting women and children during pregnancy

This majority supports Northern Ireland's laws, which protect women and children during pregnancy.

LIFE NI - through its counselling, care and educational services – works to support women during and after pregnancy.

We call on Northern Ireland's political parties, on our MPs, MLAs and Councillors to listen to this inclusive and diverse majority.

LIFE NI has a vision of a society in which...

Women, their health and their relationship with their children are respected and protected

All our children – including children during pregnancy – are valued and protected

We therefore call on Northern Ireland's political parties to...

pledge to support the present law protecting women and their children from abortion

oppose undemocratic attempts to impose the 1967 Act on Northern Ireland

use their influence in Westminster to reduce the present 24-week limit for abortions in Great Britain and to promote laws and policies supporting life from conception

empower women during pregnancy to care for their children

LIFE NI advocates a policy agenda promoting the well-being of women and children during pregnancy by...

- **providing** adequate resources to those offering woman-centred and child-centred counseling and care services to women during and after pregnancy
- **ensuring** that LIFE NI has the same access to funding as other organisations offering pregnancy counselling
- **working** to ensure that public bodies such as the Equality Commission and the Northern Ireland Human Rights Commission reflect the democratic, inclusive majority in Northern Ireland supporting laws protecting pregnant women and their children.
- **encouraging** the relationship between the NHS and the voluntary sector pregnancy counselling services which empower women to care for their children during pregnancy
- **researching** the effects of abortion on women's health and providing resources for counselling after abortion
- **reforming** the remit of the Children's Commissioner to include children during pregnancy, in line with the UN Charter on the Rights of the Child.