

Abortion

Will you commit to opposing efforts to decriminalise abortion across the UK?

Will you commit to reducing the upper time limit for abortions at 24 weeks to 12 weeks, which is more in line with European averages?

Will you commit to working for law reform to ensure that all women presenting for an abortion should be assessed in person by at least one doctor?

Will you commit to working for law reform to put beyond all doubt the question of whether abortion on the basis of gender is legal, making it absolutely clear that it is not legal?

Will you commit to working for law reform to end the discriminatory anomaly in our law that uniquely permits abortion on the basis of serious disability up to and during birth?

[For those in Northern Ireland] What will you do to seek to protect both lives in a pregnancy in Northern Ireland following the decriminalisation of abortion?

Will you commit to introducing mandated and independent pre-abortion counselling to ensure women are able to make a fully-informed choice, thereby removing financial incentives from abortion providers?

Assisted Suicide

If elected, would you oppose any change in the law to legalise assisted suicide? If not, why not?

If elected, what action would you take to ensure that there is universal access to high quality palliative and hospice care across the UK?

If elected, would you support efforts to amend the Mental Capacity Act to ensure the best interests of patients are being genuinely considered – particularly in cases where patients have some form of disorder of consciousness, including stroke victims, Huntington's Disease sufferers and more?

Family and Tax

Do you support the principle that family responsibility should be recognised in the tax system?

Will you commit to working hard to remove any fiscal and policy barriers to marriage, such as the couple penalty which disincentivises commitment for couples on benefits?

Bearing in mind the overwhelming evidence of the benefits of marriage for adults, children and society at large, will you commit to fight hard for the level of recognition of marriage to be raised from the current 10% transferable allowance to a fully transferable allowance?

Relationships and Sex Education

Do you agree that the delivery of good RSE depends on encouraging parents to talk to their children about sex and relationships?

Do you agree that it is vital that schools properly consult and involve parents in shaping RSE curriculum?

Do you support the principle that parents are the prime educators of their children and if they are unhappy with a school's RSE curriculum they should have the right to withdraw their children from lessons?

Questions for Candidates



Marriage

Do you support the rights of those who believe in marriage as the union between one man and one woman to articulate their view? What would you do to ensure such people remain free to hold and express their views without facing unjust discrimination?

Do you think that it is important and appropriate to use public money to invest in marriage support services, given the significant benefits of marriage for both adults and children?

Do you support the full implementation of the family test within Government departments to ensure that the impact on families and family breakdown is considered in all new and developing policy?

Religious Liberty

Would you be willing to support a review of the protections of the right to freedom of religion or belief, and the introduction of a formal mechanism of reasonable accommodation to protect religious freedom across the UK?

Would you act to ensure that counter-extremism measures are proportionate, focused on violent extremism and that they will not result in the prosecution of people simply because they hold unpopular or non-mainstream, but non-violent, views?

Would you be willing to support stronger protections for the right to freedom of speech, including religious speech, especially at Universities?

Online Safety

What is your view on the impact of pornography on society, and what action do you think needs to be taken to combat negative outcomes for both adults and children?

Do you agree that there is no better way to protect children from stumbling across pornographic content online than through statutory age verification? Will you commit to implementing the age verification measure provided in part 3 of the Digital Economy Act if elected?

If elected, what action would you take to ensure that social media companies are tackling illegal content as well as objectionable behaviour?

If elected, what measures would you like to see put in place to ensure children are protected online? Do you think the current system is sufficient?

Prostitution

What would you do to address commercial sexual exploitation and to promote better strategies to help people to exit prostitution?

Would you work for a review of the laws on prostitution and its impact on trafficking for sexual exploitation in order to help change attitudes towards the demand for paid sex that fuels this form of human trafficking?

Would you support legislation to criminalise the purchase of sexual services in order to reduce demand for commercial sexual exploitation and protect the vulnerable?

Human Trafficking

Will you promote new legislation to guarantee the reflection and recovery period of support for victims of human trafficking and to give confirmed victims further support and leave to remain for 12 months to help them on the pathway to recovery?

Will you work to ensure the independent child trafficking advocates scheme is rolled out to the remaining two thirds of local authorities in England and Wales as soon as possible? Will you also ensure that the advocates will have all the necessary legal powers and responsibilities in accordance with international guidelines, and can continue working with a young person beyond their 18th birthday if necessary?

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Human Trafficking – NI

Will you seek to hold the Department of Justice, the Department of Health and PSNI to account for how they are performing in terms of rescuing victims of human trafficking in Northern Ireland and prosecuting perpetrators of these crimes?

Will you commit to working with employers and businesses in this constituency to raise awareness of and prevent exploitation in supply chains at home and overseas?

Will you support the work of the independent anti-slavery commissioner in engaging with public authorities to improve our response to trafficking?