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SL(5)536 – The Abortion Act 1967 – Approval of a Class of Place for Treatment for the Termination of Pregnancy (Wales) 2020

Background and Purpose

This Approval is made by the Welsh Ministers under powers given to them by the Abortion Act 1967. The Approval provides that:

- the home of a registered medical practitioner is approved as a class of place for treatment for the termination of pregnancy for the purposes only of prescribing the medicines known as Mifepristone and Misoprostol;
- the home of a pregnant woman who is undergoing treatment for the purposes of termination of her pregnancy is approved as a class of place where the treatment for termination of pregnancy may be carried out.

The treatment must be carried out in the following manner:

- the pregnant woman has— (i) attended an approved place (i.e. a hospital in Wales, as authorised under section 1(3) of the Abortion Act 1967, or a place in Wales approved under that section); (ii) had a consultation with an approved place via video link, telephone conference or other electronic means, or (iii) had a consultation with a registered medical practitioner via video link, telephone conference or other electronic means, and
- the pregnant woman is prescribed Mifepristone and Misoprostol to be taken for the purposes of the termination of her pregnancy and the gestation of the pregnancy has not exceeded nine weeks and six days at the time the Mifepristone is taken.

The Approval will reduce the need for social contact and thus reduce unnecessary risk of expose to coronavirus.

Procedure

No procedure.

Parent Act: Abortion Act 1967 Date Made: 01 April 2020 Date Laid: Coming into force date:



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