From ethics to care: exploring the future of abortion

The Future of Abortion: Controversies & Care will bring together medical and nursing professionals, commissioners, regulators, policymakers, Parliamentarians, sexual health and rights organisations, academics and lawyers. Together they will explore the latest legal, ethical and clinical debates centring on the provision and delivery of abortion and contraceptive services, with updates on best practice in abortion care from the UK and other countries.

Delegates can attend for one or two days

Day 1 – Ethics & Law
Day 2 – Quality & Care

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Welcome

Today, debates about abortion are carried out in two distinct frameworks: as an ethical or political issue, and as a matter of public health. Abortion is seen as both a moral matter on which society should take a view, and as a personal, practical solution to an individual woman’s unwanted pregnancy. This conference aims to bring the two discussions into one arena.

This meeting is a unique opportunity to share views on the current controversies, and to learn about advances in how services can be delivered. We are delighted that the Rt Honourable, Dawn Primarolo, MP, Minister of State for Public Health is able to join us to open the conference and we look forward to welcoming you to the debate.

Ann Furedi, CEO, bpas

Learning Outcomes

Delegates will have the opportunity to hear from international experts and explore a range of views on abortion and contraception. As a result of this conference delegates will:

Day one

- Understand the ethical, legal and political implications of delivering abortion services in the UK and other countries
- Challenge their thinking on the arguments put forward for and against abortion
- Consider the upper time limit for abortion
- Understand how ethical considerations can have practical impact
- Reflect on the role of abortion in modern society

Day two

- Understand why it is necessary to offer abortion
- Consider the use and failure of contraception
- Consider the role of nurses in delivering abortion services
- Understand the particular challenges of commissioning abortion services and how to overcome them
- Identify what a high quality abortion services involves
- Identify best practice in referring into abortion services

Who should attend?

The conference will provide an open forum for everyone involved in the sexual and reproductive health and rights fields. Delegates will have the opportunity to explore the ethical and clinical debates around the provision of abortion services in the UK and other countries.

Job Titles/Functions
- Obstetricians and Gynaecologists
- GPs
- Nurses/Midwives
- Medical Students
- Pregnancy Counsellors
- Leads for Sexual Health
- Leads for Children, Family and Youth Workers
- Teenage Pregnancy Coordinators
- Pharmacists
- Directors of Public Health
- NHS Commissioners (PCTs)
- Mid Level Providers
- Department of Health Representatives
- Parliamentarians
- Regulators/Policy Makers
- Academics/Researchers
- Lawyers

Types of Organisations
- Primary Care Trusts
- Advocacy
- NGO
- Academic and Research Bodies
- Department of Health
- Royal Colleges
- Women’s Rights Groups
- Family Planning Services
- Social and Care Services
- Education Services
- Press/Media
- Sexual and Reproductive Health/Rights Organisations

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CPD Accreditation

CPD Accreditation for attendance at the conference is under consideration by the following bodies:
- Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare
- Royal College of Nursing

A certificate of attendance will be offered to delegates on request and evaluation forms will be provided.

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**AGENDA & CONFERENCE PROGRAMME**

**Day 1 – Wed 25th June**  
**Ethics & Law**

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| 09.50 | Are there too many abortions?  
• Why the abortion rate remains high and the numbers are rising  
• Why women need abortion as a back-up to their regular birth control  
• Is abortion the “problem” or a solution to the problem?  
• Why abortion must be de-stigmatised  
*Ann Furedi, CEO, bpas* |
| 10.30 | Presenting the case for choice:  
• How the public views abortion in the US  
• Has this changed fundamentally in recent years?  
• How to ‘frame’ the abortion issue so as to maximise support for abortion access  
• Why this is relevant to the UK  
*Kirsten Moore, CEO, Reproductive Health Technologies Project, USA* |
| 11.30 | Presenting the case for conscience:  
• What Catholicism says about conscience  
• How to maintain services while respecting the right to conscientious objection  
• How abortion presents as an issue of conscience to women, doctors and the public  
*Jon O’Brien, President Catholics for a Free Choice* |
| 12.10 | How late is too late for women?  
• Why women request abortion after 18 weeks and can we reduce the need for this?  
• What is a ‘late’ abortion?  
• What concerns do women have?  
*Dr Ellie Lee, Senior Lecturer in Social Policy, University of Kent* |
| 12.50 | Buffet Lunch and Networking |
| 13.10 | The problem of pain: what the foetus feels?  
• What does the science tell us?  
• How should we approach the question of whether the foetus feels pain?  
• What relevance does it have for the abortion debate?  
*Dr Stuart Derbyshire, Senior Lecturer in the School of Psychology, University of Birmingham.* |
| 14.30 | The value of life: when does it begin, when does it matter?  
• How should we understand the question of when life begins?  
• What relevance does this have for the abortion debate?  
*Professor John Harris, Lord Alliance Professor of Bioethics, University of Manchester* |
| 15.50 | Break and Refreshments |
| 16.20 | Challenging abortion laws – international panel discussion:  
• Challenges in providing a second trimester abortion service  
• Determining and changing upper gestational age limits  
• Implications for: provider/nurse/other staff support  
*Lisa H. Harris, Assistant Professor, Departments of Obstetrics and Gynaecology and Women’s Studies, University of Michigan* |
| **What’s so bad about abortion?**  
18.00 | This evening debate is open to all delegates and members of the public with an interest in the ethical, political, scientific, social and legal debates around abortion. Speakers will represent various views in the abortion debate and will provide delegates with a lively and controversial forum to consider both personal and professional opinions and make contributions from the floor.  
*Speakers:*  
Ann Furedi, CEO, bpas  
Jon O’Brien, President of ‘Catholics for a Free Choice’  
Josephine Quintavalle, Founder, Comment on Reproductive Ethics (CORE)  
Dominic Lawson, Journalist |

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Day 2 – Thurs 26th June
Quality & Care

08.30 CONFERENCE REGISTRATION & COFFEE
09.30 Welcome by bpas Chair, Ian Hammond

Why is Abortion Necessary?
09.40 Why contraception fails
Review of contraceptive failure rates – particularly the difference between failure rates cited by manufacturers and those experienced by women in real life
- Why is contraception so difficult to manage?
- How can we improve this?
Professor James Trussell, Princeton University, USA

10.20 The morning after – what use is emergency contraception?
- What role does emergency contraception have in preventing unwanted pregnancy?
- Why hasn’t wider availability of emergency contraception reduced the rate of abortion?
Kate Guthrie, Clinical Director, Hull and East Riding Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Partnership

11.00 BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS

CLINICAL STREAM

Delivering Quality of Care
11.20 Abortion research developments:
New research areas in medical and surgical abortion that may impact service provision
Daniel Grossman, MD, Senior Associate, Ibis Reproductive Health, USA

11.55 Translating research into action:
Implementing evidence-based advances in abortion care – challenges, successes, reflections
Mary Fjerstad, NP, MHS, Planned Parenthood Consortium of Abortion Providers Director of Quality and Learning, USA

12.30 BUFFET LUNCH AND NETWORKING

Improving Care
13.30 Issues in early medical abortion:
- Home use of misoprostol
- Shortening the interval between mifepristone and misoprostol
- Follow-up at intervals shorter than two weeks
- The option of very early surgical abortion
Mitchell D. Creinin, MD, Professor of Obstetrics, Gynecology, & Reproductive Sciences, University of Pittsburgh, USA

14.10 Issues in second-trimester surgical abortion:
- Determining best practices in dilation and evacuation
- Cervical preparation
- Ultrasound guidance
- Feticide
Eleanor Drey, MD, EdM, Associate Clinical Professor, Obstetrics, Gynecology & Reproductive Sciences, University of California, San Francisco, USA

15.00 The role of nurses:
- What role do nurses play now in abortion care in the UK?
- What could they do if the law allowed?
Kathy French, Advisor in Sexual Health, Royal College of Nursing

15.40 BREAK AND REFRESHMENTS

Best Practice in Commissioning
13.30 The challenge of commissioning sexual health and abortion services:
- Looking at meeting need and demand for abortion services
- Providing choice of method, equitable high standards of care and speeding up access through multi organisational working and collaboration
Simon Henning, Sexual Health Network Co-ordinator, Cheshire and Merseyside PCT

14.10 What makes a good contract to commission services?
Sharing best practice, based on bpas 40 years of experience delivering abortion services in the UK
Donagh Stenson, Business Performance Manager, bpas

15.10 The role of nurses:
- What role do mid-level providers play in abortion care in other countries including South Africa and the USA?
- What conclusion should we draw for the UK?
Marge Berer, Editor, Reproductive Health Matters

15.30 Summing up the challenges
Dr Christian Fiola, Specialist in Obstetrics and Gynaecology, Vienna, Austria

16.00 Who can provide abortion care? The role of the mid-level providers:
- What role do mid-level providers play in abortion care in other countries including South Africa and the USA?
- What conclusion should we draw for the UK?

16.50 Conclusions – Future of Abortion: Controversies & Care
Ann Furedi, CEO, bpas

17.30 CONFERENCE CLOSE: NETWORKING

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☐ Service delivery – clinical  ☐ Service delivery – administration and support services
☐ Referral into abortion services  ☐ Commissioning of abortion services  ☐ Campaigner

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