

# Lords consideration stage briefing on home early medical abortion provisions in the Health and Care Bill

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## Introduction

Ahead of the Lords Consideration of Commons amendments to the Health and Care Bill on Tuesday 5 April 2022, this briefing outlines the Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health's (RCPCH) position on home early medical abortion.

On 30 March 2022, MPs voted to make early medical abortions provided via telemedicine permanent in England<sup>1</sup>. This will affect 11.8 million children and young people.

**This briefing sets out the RCPCH's position in relation to Baroness Eaton's proposed amendment 92B to amendment 92A.**

## RCPCH's position

- Every child has been calling on governments and health services providers across the UK to

consider the specific needs of this group when planning, delivering and evaluating early medical abortions.

### Baroness Eaton's proposed amendment 92B to amendment 92A

The proposed amendment 92B to amendment 92A would allow for children and young people under the age of 18 to be seen face-to-face. The reasons why children and young people must be offered a face-to-face component to the service is so there can be: designated Healthcare Professional organisations whose remit is solely

to-face consultations as part of the pathway for telemedical abortion care.

<sup>1</sup> Clause 92A, Health and Care Bill, Commons Disagreement, Amendments in Lieu, Amendment to a Lords Amendment and Reasons, page 21, available at: <https://bills.parliament.uk/publications/46087/documents/1713>

## About RCPCH

The Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health (RCPCH) is the membership body for paediatricians, representing more than 20,000 child health professionals in the UK and abroad. We are responsible for the training, examinations and professional standards of paediatricians across the country, and we use our research and experience to develop recommendations to promote better child health outcomes.

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