1) DEVOLUTION
According to a ComRes poll of NI adults 64% of people think that abortion should be decided by Northern Ireland’s elected representatives. This rises to 66% of women and 70% of 18 to 34 year olds.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
The law on abortion in Northern Ireland protects individuals who are disabled from discrimination. In England, Scotland and Wales, unborn children can be aborted up to term if a disability is identified in utero. In Northern Ireland, this is not the case. It is a shame that Downs Syndrome children are being denied life in many countries - they enrich the lives of many families. The last "Call the Midwife" episodes showed how this is so.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
Less than 2% of recorded abortions in England and Wales were granted on these grounds of life limiting conditions and sexual crime. These conditions have been deemed to make the law on abortion in Northern Ireland incompatible with Article 8 of the European Convention on Human Rights but the comments of a few justices are non binding to government.

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