Written submission from David Montgomery (AN10516)

1) DEVOLUTION
As this is a Northern Ireland issue which should be decided by local politicians in Northern Ireland, I would request that nothing is decided on this matter until the local assembly is restored. Westminster politicians should not make rules for N Ireland until the local voices are considered. This is clearly the will of the majority of local people and therefore this should be respected and no decision forced upon us until it is decided by the Northern Irish people. Recent polling of NI adults clearly show that a large majority see this as a local issue.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
The law on abortion in Northern Ireland has been proven to save lives. Research conducted by ‘Both Lives Matter’ in 2017 found that an estimated 100,000 individuals are alive today who otherwise would not be had Northern Ireland followed England, Scotland and Wales in adopting the 1967 Abortion Act.
I have recently been told of the shocking statistic that in 2016, around 90% of those identified in utero to have Down’s Syndrome in England, Scotland and Wales were aborted. In Northern Ireland 90% of children identified in utero with Down’s Syndrome were born. This is absolutely appalling and something I feel is outrageous and should not be replicated in Northern Ireland.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
I believe that the right of the unborn child must be upheld and it is disgraceful that abortion should be offered in any circumstance.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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