1) DEVOLUTION
This is a devolved issue which should be decided by politicians in Northern Ireland, not Westminster. This is true in each part of the Union. Not a single member of the Women and Equalities Committee represents a seat in Northern Ireland, and it would therefore be undemocratic to impose a decision on Northern Ireland. It is noted that the Northern Ireland Assembly is temporarily suspended at present. However, it would be constitutionally inappropriate and counter-productive to interfere in relation to such a fundamental matter at this sensitive time for Northern Ireland. Such a move by politicians at Westminster would set a worrying precedent for other devolved assemblies.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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