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1) DEVOLUTION
Abortion is a devolved issue and as such I feel it should be people from NI like me deciding on these issues rather than a committee in England who are not involved or who are not elected to represent me.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
We in NI do not discriminate disability in the womb and I am pleased that in NI we give women the best choice. People in NI can have an abortion but they can also choose to keep their baby and this has to be celebrated.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
We in NI value the rights of both baby and mum and I feel due to this we show that we are more caring.

4) PERSONAL STORIES
As a teacher I have seen pupils under 18 struggle as to whether they keep there unplanned babies or not and I can say that in 100% of the cases that I am aware of, the mums who have kept there babies have not regretted that decision. With the support of school family and community these young mum's can get an education and be an amazing mum. We need to draw a long side these mum's rather than give them bad advice or information which suggests the babies that they are carrying are unimportant or will hold them back as this is just not the case.

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