1) DEVOLUTION
This is a devolved issue which should be decided by politicians in Northern Ireland.

Recent ComRes polling of NI adults shows that 64% of people think that abortion should be decided by Northern Ireland’s elected representatives, rising 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 unjustified discrimination. In 2016, around 90% of those identified to have Down’s Syndrome in England, Scotland and Wales were aborted. In Northern Ireland on the other hand, 90% of children identified with Down’s Syndrome were born.

3) HUMAN RIGHTS & EQUALITY
There is a danger that the Women’s and Equalities Committee accepts the lie that women can only be equal when they have an absolute right to abortion in any circumstance for any reason. This pitches a women against her unborn child and measures their freedom, equality and progress by their ability to end the life of their own child. This is a dangerous and destructive way to view women and humanity more widely. Many women, men and children see a better and more human way ahead which values the life, health and dignity of both as far as possible.

4) PERSONAL STORIES

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