1) DEVOLUTION
Please listen to the women and men in Northern Ireland on what they would decide. This is a
decision for the people of Northern Ireland to make, not those of Westminster. It very unfortunate
that our Northern Irish Assembly is currently suspended, please do not add to this by taking control
of this devolved issue.

2) DISTINCTIVE LAW AND CULTURE
“Northern Ireland is the safest place in our United Kingdom to be diagnosed with a disability before
birth.” Lord Shinkwin
In 2016, around 90% of those identified in utero to have Down’s Syndrome in England, Scotland and
Wales were aborted. In Northern Ireland on the other hand, 90% of children identified in utero with
Down’s Syndrome were born.
It is should be celebrated that we in Northern Ireland do not discriminate against the disabled in the
womb.

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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