

PRESS RELEASE

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Isle of Man laws are there to protect women

LIFE in Isle of Man is concerned about a campaign to relax abortion laws and make abortions more easily accessible. Members of LIFE staged a counter demonstration this morning in response to one being staged by the Campaign for Abortion Law Modernisation (CALM).

Sue Richardson from Isle of Man LIFE Group said: "The laws on this island should protect women from exploitation by the abortion industry. CALM wants parity with the abortion laws in England and Wales. But if we look across to what happens there, abortions are being performed at a rate of 1 every 3 minutes. Is that what we want for the Isle of Man?"

We agree that the procedure to obtain an abortion is rigorous but this is necessary to ensure that both the value of human life is respected and that women are protected. How can any doctor diagnose that a pregnancy poses a risk of permanent injury to a woman's mental health if she isn't going to be seen by a psychiatrist? It is precisely the absence of the psychiatrist requirement in England that has led to most of the annual almost 200,000 abortions being done for mental health reasons.

Instead of campaigning for more abortions, CALM and its allies in the abortion industry should focus their energy and resources on the provision of support to vulnerable women which empowers them with the real ability to continue with their pregnancy. LIFE provides counselling and practical support to women because we care about them and their unborn baby. We see solutions to the crisis some pregnant women face, in the provision of compassionate care and support instead of sending them the message that their only option is the termination of their unborn child."

For further media comment please call the LIFE Media Hotline on 07867 744502

LIFE is a pro-life charity that supports anyone facing a crisis pregnancy, pregnancy loss or after an abortion, and strives to engage, inspire and inform the next generation to value all human life from beginning to end