

PRESS RELEASE

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Northern Ireland Executive must decide on abortion law not the courts

LIFE Northern Ireland acknowledges the decision by Justice Horner today to Issue a Declaration of Incompatibility which now allows the NI Executive the right to address NI abortion laws.

Whilst LIFE NI is extremely concerned with regard to the overall ruling from 30th November 2015, LIFE NI Spokesperson, Marion Woods says "It is right that the Judge has passed the responsibility of our laws back to the realm of the NI Executive. It is the members of the NI Executive who are the elected representatives of the people of NI and it is fitting that they and only they legislate for abortion in NI.

LIFE NI appeals to the members of the Executive to remember when they are addressing this law that there are two lives to be considered, both the life of the mother and the life of the developing, unborn baby. We believe in the intrinsic value of human life from conception. We also understand the difficult situations that women may find themselves in when faced with a prenatal diagnosis of terminal illness or when the victim of a sexual crime. However we also believe that abortion can never be a positive pathway of care.

LIFE NI offers positive life-affirming choices to pregnant women as an alternative to abortion. LIFE NI also calls for the creation of effective peri-natal hospice care and continued counselling, support, care and practical help for women and their unborn babies."

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