

**PRESS RELEASE**

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**LIFE: Small drop in abortion is good news, but a long way still to go**

The national pro-life charity LIFE is glad that there has been a small reduction in the number and rate of abortions in England and Wales, but it is clear that there is a lot still to do in creating an authentic pro-life culture that is best for unborn children and their mothers and families.

LIFE spokesman Mark Bhagwandin said: "It is great to see any reduction in the number of abortions. Abortion is always a tragedy. LIFE knows this first-hand from our experience of crisis pregnancy and post-abortion counselling. Our great desire is to see more and more women make the brave decision to continue their pregnancies, to embrace new life and find a way through crisis without having to resort to the destruction of abortion.

"However, a relatively small reduction is only the beginning of what we need to achieve. Repeat abortions remain far too high and show that abortion clearly does not solve the problem for many women. Repeat abortion also suggests an increasing trivialisation of abortion; if something is done easily then it is done often. We have also seen another sharp rise in abortion for disability. This is a particularly unjust form of discrimination, and completely contradicts our society's rhetoric of equality, tolerance and human rights.

"It is our hope that this small drop will encourage those seeking a long-term reduction in the abortion rate/numbers, and inspire pro-lifers to work for a society where abortion is unnecessary and unthinkable, rather than one where women are abandoned with platitudes about choice."

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**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.**