

Grant application form - Project

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Title of the project	The Impacts of Restrictive Abortion Laws in Northern Ireland: Women's Experiences and Opportunities for Policy Change

<p>Comprehensive description of the project (max 1500 characters)</p>	<p>Northern Ireland has one of the most restrictive abortion laws in Europe. Abortion is illegal except to save a woman's life or her permanent physical or mental health. Yet even these provisions have a murky legal interpretation. Providers, fearing prosecution, rarely implement them. Northern Irish women wanting an abortion have two main options: travel by plane or boat to Britain or access medication abortion outside the formal healthcare setting through online initiatives.</p> <p>Yet very little is known about Northern Irish women's abortion decision-making and experiences. The proposed project will address these important research gaps by conducting a rigorous exploration. Using in-depth interviews with 30-40 women who traveled to British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) clinics in England and 30-40 women who accessed abortion medications online through Women on Web, the specific aims of the proposed project are to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate Northern Irish women's decision-making processes surrounding abortion, including the factors influencing their chosen pathway to abortion. 2. Examine Northern Irish women's subsequent experiences with their chosen pathway to abortion, including outcomes, complications, economic cost, and social and emotional support. 3. Explore Northern Irish women's perspectives on the elements of care that ensure safe, successful, and satisfactory medication abortion experience, identifying any deficiencies.
<p>When would it start / finish? (Max 20 words)</p>	<p>The project would start on May 1st 2017 and end on June 30th 2018</p>
<p>Where will it take place – country / town, establishment? (Max 20 words)</p>	<p>The project would take place in Northern Ireland</p>
<p>Objectives and needs identified. (Max 20 words)</p>	<p>No peer-reviewed research investigates Northern-Irish women's decision-making and experiences with pathways to abortion. We will address this important research gap.</p>
<p>Sector in the area of contraception, sexual and reproductive health:</p>	<p>Abortion and Reproductive Rights</p>
<p>Is it a 'new' project?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>What outcomes will be measured? List. (Max 20 words)</p>	<p>Factors influencing whether women decide to travel to England or self-source abortion medications at home. Women's experiences with each pathway.</p>
<p>Do you foresee any reasons (political, climatic, etc) why this project may be adversely affected? (Max 20 words)</p>	<p>No, the current climate in Northern Ireland is shaped by activists who are working to change the abortion law.</p>
<p>Are there other partners or organisations supporting this same project?</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p>If yes, list</p>	<p>Women on Web and the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) have agreed to work with us to identify research participants and to interpret and disseminate findings</p>

Have you already obtained any funding or still awaiting a response towards this project?

Yes

If yes or still awaiting a response, please give details (Max 20 words)

We have obtained a small amount of departmental seed funding and funding from the HRA Foundation.

How much money are you requesting? A maximum of 10,000 euro per project application can be requested. An overview of the budget must be provided here (max 50 words)

The funding we have already obtained will cover investigator effort, research-related travel, and a proportion of data-collection costs. Additional funding from ESC will complete coverage of data-collection costs and support a graduate research assistant with an essential role in data collection, analysis, and project co-ordination. Request to ESC: 7,048 Euros.

Detailed budget

[ESC Budget.xlsx](#)

Will this be part of a larger fund or stand alone? (Max 20 words)

If awarded, the requested funding from ESC will be part of a larger constellation of funding.

Who will oversee the budget & keep accounts?

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We, as responsible agents for this project, agree to the following 6 points:

	yes
We agree that all monies will be spent appropriately	✓
We agree to advise you at the earliest time if this project is delayed or cannot be completed	✓
We agree to provide a report to the ESC within 6 months of the end of the project and yearly, if the project lasts longer than 1 year.	✓
We agree to present the ESC treasurer with a detailed budget at the end of the project. (if the project is longer than 1 year, the funding may be awarded in stages and be dependent on appropriate reporting)	✓
We agree that if you need to make any significant changes to the duration, contents or funding of the project after it has been awarded, we will advise the ESC Treasurer.	✓
We agree to acknowledge the ESC as a donor in any publications and oral communications resulting from this project. Ideally any manuscript should be sent to the ESC journal in the first instance.	✓

Full Name

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