This content has been withdrawn because it is out of date.

The 1967 Abortion Act was amended from 30 August 2022 to allow eligible women in the first 10 weeks of pregnancy (9 weeks and 6 days) to continue to take both medicines for early medical abortion at home.

See further information about abortion on the NHS website.
The Abortion Act 1967 - Approval of a Class of Places

The Secretary of State makes the following approval in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) and (3A) [i] of the Abortion Act 1967[ii]:

Interpretation
1. In this approval –
   “home” means the place in England where a pregnant woman has her permanent address or usually resides;

   “second stage of treatment” means the taking of the medicine known as Misoprostol.

Approval of class of place
2. The home of a pregnant woman who is undergoing treatment for the purposes of termination of her pregnancy is approved as a class of place where the second stage of treatment for termination of pregnancy may be carried out where the treatment is carried out in the manner specified in paragraph 3.

3. The treatment must be carried out in the following manner-
   (a) the pregnant woman has attended a clinic where she has been prescribed Mifepristone and Misoprostol to be taken for the purposes of termination of her pregnancy; and
   (b) the pregnant woman has taken the Mifepristone at the clinic, wants to carry out the second stage of treatment at home and the gestation of the pregnancy has not exceeded nine weeks and six days at the time the Mifepristone is taken.

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[i] Section 1(3A) was inserted by section 37(3) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (c. 37).
[ii] 1967 c. 87.