

This content has been withdrawn because it is out of date.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



Department of Health & Social Care

The Abortion Act 1967 - Approval of a Class of Places

This approval supersedes the approval of 30 March 2020. This approval expires at the end of the day on 29 August 2022.

The Secretary of State makes the following approval in exercise of the powers conferred by section 1(3) and (3A)¹ of the Abortion Act 1967²:

Interpretation

1. In this approval –

“home” means, in the case of a pregnant woman, the place in England where a pregnant woman has her permanent address or usually resides or, in the case of a registered medical practitioner, the place in England where a registered medical practitioner has their permanent address or usually resides;

“approved place” means a hospital in England, as authorised under section 1(3) of the Abortion Act 1967, or a place in England approved under that section.

Approval of class of place

2. The home of a registered medical practitioner is approved as a class of place for treatment for the termination of pregnancy for the purposes only of prescribing the medicines known as Mifepristone and Misoprostol to be used in treatment carried out in the manner specified in paragraph 4.

3. 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 treatment for termination of pregnancy may be carried out where that treatment is carried out in the manner specified in paragraph 4.

4. The treatment must be carried out in the following manner:

a) the pregnant woman has

¹ Section 1(3A) was inserted by section 37(3) of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 (c. 37).

² 1967 c. 87.

i) attended an approved place,

ii) had a consultation with an approved place via video link, telephone conference or other electronic means, or

iii) had a consultation with a registered medical practitioner via video link, telephone conference or other electronic means; and

b) the pregnant woman is prescribed Mifepristone and Misoprostol to be taken for the purposes of the termination of her pregnancy 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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Ben Dyson

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21 March 2022