



## Concerned Manx Healthcare Professionals

Methodology: ComRes surveyed by telephone 500 adults aged 18+ on the Isle of Man between 24<sup>th</sup> January – 3<sup>rd</sup> February. Data has been weighted by age and gender. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules.

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It is proposed that the Isle of Man's abortion law be amended to allow abortion at up to 14 weeks of pregnancy without having to give a reason.

Given that new technology will make it possible to determine the sex of a baby as early as 7 weeks into pregnancy, this effectively opens the door for abortions if parents do not like the sex of their baby.

Which of these statements most accords with your view of this?

Base: All respondents

	AGE			GENDER		EDUCATION			
	Total	18-34	35-54	55+	Male	Female	No formal education/ primary	Secondary	Degree or equivalent/ higher degree
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Significance Level: 95%									
Unweighted Total	500	73	227	200	204	296	21	249	211
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	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
Any change to the law should be tightly defined so that seeking abortion on the basis of gender is not possible	351	57	122	172	174	176	9	181	153
	70%	75%	63%	75%	70%	70%	48%	73%	71%
		b		b					
It does not matter to me whether or not the law permits abortion on the ground of gender	92	15	47	30	50	41	6	41	39
	18%	20%	24%	13%	20%	16%	30%	17%	18%
			c						
Don't know	39	3	17	19	16	24	2	19	13
	8%	4%	9%	8%	6%	9%	12%	8%	6%
Prefer not to say	18	1	9	9	7	11	2	6	11
	4%	1%	4%	4%	3%	4%	10%	2%	5%

Columns Tested: a,b,c - a,b - a,b,c

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If the Isle of Man's abortion law is amended, would you support or oppose each of the following requirements?

### SUMMARY TABLE

Base: All respondents

	Total	Support	Oppose	Don't know	Prefer not to say
Impartial counselling from an organisation with no financial interest in the outcome to be offered to all women seeking advice about an abortion	500 100%	427 85%	33 7%	31 6%	9 2%
Pharmacists to be permitted to prescribe an abortion pill even if neither they nor the woman can be sure how far advanced her pregnancy is	500 100%	109 22%	327 65%	53 11%	11 2%
Teenage girls to be allowed abortions without the consent or knowledge of their parents	500 100%	178 36%	241 48%	63 13%	18 4%
The law to require doctors to check to the best of their ability that women seeking abortions are not being coerced to do so by another person	500 100%	403 81%	46 9%	42 8%	9 2%
Doctors who conscientiously object to abortion should continue to enjoy the same protections from being harmed professionally that apply under the current law, if they decline to take part in facilitating a termination	500 100%	314 63%	92 18%	77 15%	17 3%

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Support	427	70	169	188	206	220	12	209	195
	85%	94%	86%	82%	83%	87%	61%	85%	91%
		c							
Oppose	33	3	14	17	22	11	3	14	11
	7%	3%	7%	7%	9%	4%	17%	6%	5%
		b							
Don't know	31	2	9	21	15	16	2	18	9
	6%	3%	4%	9%	6%	6%	12%	7%	4%
Prefer not to say	9	-	4	4	3	5	2	5	1
	2%	-	2%	2%	1%	2%	10%	2%	*

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**Pharmacists to be permitted to prescribe an abortion pill even if neither they nor the woman can be sure how far advanced her pregnancy is**

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Support	109	16	48	45	51	58	4	49	50
	22%	22%	24%	19%	21%	23%	23%	20%	23%
Oppose	327	53	122	152	165	162	13	168	136
	65%	71%	62%	66%	67%	64%	65%	68%	63%
Don't know	53	6	17	30	25	28	1	24	25
	11%	7%	9%	13%	10%	11%	7%	10%	12%
Prefer not to say	11	-	8	3	7	5	1	6	4
	2%	-	4%	1%	3%	2%	5%	2%	2%

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### Teenage girls to be allowed abortions without the consent or knowledge of their parents

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Support	178	39	64	74	86	92	5	83	86
	36%	52%	33%	32%	35%	36%	24%	34%	40%
		bc							
Oppose	241	22	100	118	125	116	10	120	100
	48%	30%	52%	51%	51%	46%	49%	49%	47%
		a	a						
Don't know	63	12	24	27	27	35	4	32	25
	13%	16%	12%	12%	11%	14%	22%	13%	11%
Prefer not to say	18	2	7	10	9	9	1	12	5
	4%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	5%	5%	2%

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Support	403	65	158	181	206	197	12	198	179
	81%	86%	81%	79%	83%	78%	61%	80%	83%
Oppose	46	4	20	22	23	23	6	23	15
	9%	6%	10%	9%	9%	9%	29%	9%	7%
Don't know	42	5	14	23	15	27	-	19	21
	8%	6%	7%	10%	6%	11%	-	8%	10%
Prefer not to say	9	1	3	4	4	5	2	6	1
	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	10%	3%	*

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Support	314	42	120	152	161	153	9	155	142
	63%	56%	62%	66%	65%	61%	45%	63%	66%
Oppose	92	19	36	37	54	38	4	47	37
	18%	25%	18%	16%	22%	15%	20%	19%	17%
Don't know	77	12	30	34	24	53	6	36	31
	15%	16%	16%	15%	10%	21%	29%	15%	14%
Prefer not to say	17	3	9	6	8	9	1	8	5
	3%	3%	4%	3%	3%	4%	5%	3%	3%

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**There is a proposal to amend the Isle of Man's Abortion law to allow abortion up until birth if the foetus is diagnosed with Down's Syndrome.**

**Do you think such a change would be right or wrong?**

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Right	251 50%	35 47%	104 53%	112 49%	128 52%	123 49%	7 33%	131 53%	108 50%
Wrong	167 33%	31 41%	54 28%	81 35%	76 31%	90 36%	7 38%	81 33%	69 32%
Don't know	57 11%	6 7%	25 13%	27 12%	30 12%	27 11%	4 21%	24 10%	26 12%
Prefer not to say	26 5%	3 4%	12 6%	10 5%	13 5%	12 5%	2 9%	10 4%	13 6%

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**Which of these statements about the right to life of an unborn child most accords with your view?**

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An unborn child should have no right to life at any stage before birth	68	10	27	31	36	32	2	30	32
	14%	14%	14%	14%	15%	13%	12%	12%	15%
An unborn child should have a right to life the same as the mother throughout the pregnancy	141	21	43	77	70	71	7	75	55
	28%	28%	22%	34%	28%	28%	34%	31%	25%
An unborn child's right to life increases as it develops in the womb	291	44	125	122	141	150	11	141	128
	58%	59%	64%	53%	57%	59%	54%	57%	60%

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