Northern Ireland Abortion Poll

Methodology: ComRes surveyed 1,013 adults in Northern Ireland online between 8th and 15th October 2018. Data were weighted to be representative of all Northern Irish adults by gender, age and religion. ComRes is a member of the British Polling Council and abides by its rules. Full tables at www.comresglobal.com

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### ONLINE Fieldwork: 8th - 15th October 2018

Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?

**Summary Table**
Base: All respondents

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**Agree**
- 93% (944)
- 77% (776)
- 24% (24)

**Disagree**
- 3% (34)
- 11% (114)
- 940 (93%)

**Don’t know**
- 2% (21)
- 10% (103)
- 36 (4%)

**Prefer not to say**
- 1% (13)
- 2% (20)
- 13 (1%)

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In pregnancy the life of both the mother and the unborn child are important
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Do you agree or disagree with each of the following statements?
The unborn child’s life is always important but in some circumstances the mother’s life is more important
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The unborn child’s life is not important

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At present, devolution means abortion law in Northern Ireland is decided by Stormont and lawful only when there is a risk to the mother’s life or to her long-term physical or mental health. Some English MPs say that the Westminster Parliament should decide what the law is in Northern Ireland and make it available for any reason, up to 24 weeks into pregnancy. Do you agree or disagree with each of these statements on this issue? Changing the law on this issue should be a decision for the people of Northern Ireland and their elected representatives and not for MPs in other parts of the UK.

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