

### **Key questions which the Secretary of State for Health must answer:**

1. How will abortion providers or registered medical practitioners operating remotely be certain that a pregnancy is under nine weeks and six days?
2. How will abortion providers ensure that women fully understand the correct procedure for the abortion and the risks they run if they do not follow the precise instructions?
3. How will abortion providers ensure that women properly recognise when complications occur and that women have the means to access medical treatment?
4. How will remote abortion assessment ensure that a woman is not being coerced into having the abortion?
5. How will abortion providers ensure that the abortion drugs are taken by the intended recipient?
6. How will serious medical issues such as ectopic pregnancy be identified via an electronic consultation?
7. How can the Department for Health and Social Care justify exposing women to increased physical and mental health dangers from the remote abortion scheme?
8. How can the Department of Health and Social Care justify exposing women to the threat of death from abortion pills?
9. How can the Department of Health and Social Care justify a DIY abortion regime which trivialises the very serious matter of killing an unborn baby?

### **Action required by the Department of Health and Social Care:**

1. The Department must withdraw this extreme abortion measure immediately and must be held fully accountable for the outcome of this regime. The Secretary of State for Health must report fully to Parliament and the public on this new abortion measure once social distancing is lifted.
2. The Department of Health and Social Care must call to task abortion providers and medical practitioners certifying for abortion to insist that the NHS number of women undergoing abortion in England and Wales are recorded on the HSA4 abortion form. This longstanding failure means that there is no accurate way of tracking the health outcomes of women who have abortions. This is even more urgent now that abortion is being so dramatically de-medicalised.

3. The Care Quality Commission must be mandated to inspect independent abortion providers providing “pills through the post” and “telemedicine” abortions at the earliest opportunity. The CQC has found extremely serious breaches of health and safety at both BPAS and Marie Stopes UK.