



## Young people deserve the truth about abortion

Petition extended to Friday 5 July 2019

**A NEW BOOKLET is giving misleading and wrong information about abortion to teachers giving lessons on abortion in England's secondary schools.**

The so-called *Abortion and Abortion Care Factsheet* has been produced by the Royal College of Gynaecologists and supported by Public Health England, the PSHE Association and the Sex Education Forum. This propaganda booklet has been expressly designed to 'support Relationships and Sex Education in secondary schools', thus exploiting the new compulsory school subject coming into schools in September 2020.

SPUC has launched a major petition calling on the Secretary of State for Education to ban this booklet from schools.

**ACTION: Please use the form inside on page 2 to collect signatures for this very important petition. Simply detach this page, collect signatures and return to SPUC Headquarters. We will present the petition on your behalf to the Secretary of State for Education.**

## 2019 National Conference: "SPUC's historic battle to save the lives of unborn children"



**Book your place now to get our special offer conference price for SPUC Pro-Life Today readers. Quote reference SPUCP-LT to get a discounted place for £180 (full conference fee £200).**

Hear keynote speakers:

**Sir Jeffrey Donaldson**, MP for Lagan Valley, Democratic Unionist Party, Chief Whip: "Battling to defend unborn children in Northern Ireland".

**Colin Hart**, Director of The Christian Institute and Chairman of Coalition for Marriage; "The fight to defend marriage in the United Kingdom".

**Obianuju Ekeocha**, Founder of Culture of Life Africa, "Abortion, population control and the West's ideological neo-colonialism in the 21st century".

**Date:** Friday 13th – Sunday 15th September 2019

**Venue:** Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick, Alfreton, Derbyshire DE55 1AU

**ACTION: Please don't delay in booking your place, you can book online by going to [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk) or e-mail [conference@spuc.org.uk](mailto:conference@spuc.org.uk) or phone 020 7091 7091. Remember to quote the reference for your discounted place.**

# Young people deserve to know the truth about abortion

*At school they are not always given the facts*



An unborn baby at eight weeks (enlarged)

A new booklet titled 'Abortion and Abortion Care Factsheet' targeted at secondary schools in England is presenting some **inaccurate** and **misleading** information about abortion to pupils, including:

- WRONG** Abortion does not cause mental illness ✘
- WRONG** An unborn baby under 24 weeks cannot feel pain ✘
- WRONG** Abortion is extremely safe in the UK ✘

**We the undersigned call on the Secretary of State for Education to ban the misleading and inaccurate 'Abortion and Abortion Care Factsheet' from secondary schools. This petition has been extended to Friday 5th July 2019.**

| Signature | Title & Name | Address | Postcode | Please tick to OPT OUT (See below)* |
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Please return completed petition forms to: SPUC, Unit B, 3 Whitacre Mews, Stannary Street, London SE11 4AB. You can order more petition forms by phoning: 020 7091 7091 or emailing: [information@spuc.org.uk](mailto:information@spuc.org.uk). You can sign the petition form online by going to [www.spuc.org.uk](http://www.spuc.org.uk)

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# Landmark euthanasia ruling



In June 2017 a banker known as Mr Y had a heart attack leaving him in a permanent vegetative or minimally conscious state. Mr Y's family said that he would not want to live in this state. They were backed by Mr Y's doctors.

Mr Y's case was taken to the Supreme Court which ruled that it was no longer necessary for doctors and relatives to go to the Court of Protection to get permission to remove food and liquid from certain patients to bring about their death. Doctors and relatives can now make the decision that removing food and fluids is 'in the patient's best interests.' This ruling effectively widens the cases where passive euthanasia is permitted and removes it from judicial oversight.

## What are the dangers of this ruling?

1. Death can never be considered as being 'in the best interests' of a sick or disabled person.
2. The view that people in a permanent vegetative state or other 'prolonged disorder of consciousness' are better off dead because of their quality of life, diminishes their status as human beings.
3. Classing food and fluid as 'medical treatment' is a key factor in enabling brain-injured people like Mr Y to be killed by dehydration and starvation. Hunger and thirst are not illnesses which need to be cured. Labelling what is now termed 'clinically assisted nutrition and hydration' (CANH) as 'treatment' is consistently used to justify its removal.
4. Withdrawing food and fluids means that the patient dies of dehydration and starvation. The Royal College of Physicians acknowledges this, yet still recommends that doctors draw up the death certificate with the original brain injury as the cause of death. This sort of cover up is not only dishonest but drives this practice under the radar.

5. The Y case shows that no distinction is being made between removing CANH in patients not imminently dying and stopping futile administration of fluids. In patients near the end of life, providing food and fluid can be futile and pose a genuine burden to patients. For parents not imminently dying nutrition and hydration and necessary to avoid dehydration and starvation. As this critical distinction continues to be ignored and leads to cruel protracted deaths, the pressure for active euthanasia (such as by lethal injection) will increase.
6. The Supreme Court judgment also sanctions relatives and doctors making the official decision that food and fluids can be withdrawn from other groups of vulnerable people, including those 'in advanced stages of a degenerative neurological condition such as Huntington's disease or multiple sclerosis, or in the advanced stages of dementia'.

## Assisted suicide

Furthermore, legalised assisted suicide is getting closer in England and Wales following a vote by the Royal College of Physicians (RCP). In March 2019 the RCP changed its position from opposition to assisted suicide to one of neutrality. The move to neutrality is seen as a critical step towards a change in the law.

**ACTION: Join our Action Alert list to keep up to date with action needed to fight against euthanasia, assisted suicide and attacks on unborn children. Email [information@spuc.org.uk](mailto:information@spuc.org.uk) stating clearly that you want your address to be added to the list.**

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# Defending parents' rights

SPUC is defending the rights of parents to bring up their children in line with their own values. Two new compulsory school subjects pose a major threat to families.

Relationships Education in primary schools and Relationships and Sex Education in secondary schools, which come into force in September 2020 in schools in England, mean that schools, not parents, will decide what every child will learn about marriage, family and personal relationships. And parents will have no automatic right to withdraw their children.

Parents are particularly concerned that the Government has repeatedly stressed that LGBT relationships must be taught. Abortion will also be part of the new subject in secondary schools (see front page).

## Protecting families

SPUC is committed to protecting families. Unborn babies are statistically safer from abortion when their mother and father are married. And pro-life values are nurtured first and foremost in the family.



**ACTION:** Please use the form below to order a copy of SPUC's latest Safe at School bulletin for more information on how families will be affected by the new school subjects and what parents can do to help safeguard their children.



## Pray to end abortion

Overcoming the most terrible injustice of abortion needs action on every level. Prayer is one of the pillars of our work at SPUC and we have always encouraged our supporters to pray to end abortion.

In 2019 SPUC has joined forces with the Knights of St Columba (KSC) in a special initiative called Rosary for the Unborn. Rosary for the Unborn is part of the centenary celebrations of the KSC which is a leading Catholic men's organisation which has worked tirelessly over the decades for the pro-life cause.

SPUC is aiming to get Rosary for the Unborn into every Catholic parish in the UK. Special prayer cards and guidelines are available to help start this vital initiative.

**ACTION:** It's not too late to start Rosary for the Unborn in your parish. Please use the form below to order prayer cards and guidelines.

## Order form

- Please send me more copies of this bulletin for distribution at other churches (with the permission of the priest)  
20  50  Other, state quantity \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me more copies of the Safe at School bulletin  
10  20  Other, state quantity \_\_\_\_\_
- Please send me Rosary for the Unborn prayer cards and guidelines on organising this in my parish.

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