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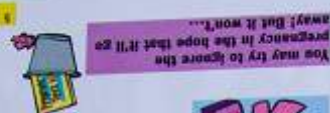
ABORTION

IS NOT REALLY ABOUT CHOICE



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You may try to ignore the pregnancy in the hope that it'll go away! But it won't...



Or you can buy a kit to use yourself.

- pharmacy.
- Marie Stopes clinic
- bpas clinic

You can pay to have a test at:

- (GUM) clinics.
- some sexual health or genitourinary medicine clinics
- many contraception centres (England only)
- most NHS walk-in service
- a young people's service

You can have a free test at:

as soon as possible. get a pregnancy test

If you think you are pregnant, or have missed a period, you will need to



- mood changes.
- going off certain foods!
- appetite changes
- period-like cramps
- feeling bloated or in the morning
- morning sickness, though not always
- often called nausea or vomiting
- feeling tired
- (peeing a lot)
- frequent urination
- tenderness in the breasts
- a swelling or period than usual
- a shorter, lighter period
- missing a period

but may include:

The signs vary for every girl or woman.

usually appear one to two weeks after conception.

Signs of pregnancy

WHAT ARE THE SIGNS OF PREGNANCY?

WHY HAVE AN ABORTION?

MANY pregnancies happen without planning. When you find out you are pregnant and it is unplanned, you may decide to keep the baby, have it adopted or have an abortion.

Some girls and women know immediately what they want to do. For others, it can be a difficult decision. Faced with an unplanned pregnancy, you may find that your views on abortion change. Clear information, advice and support can help you decide what to do.

Many girls and women who choose an abortion have several reasons.



WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE?

Most girls and women have no problems after an abortion. Of those who do, infection is the most common one. Taking antibiotics at the time of the abortion helps to reduce this risk. Infections may be recommended to prevent further infection.

Problems at the time of abortion are not very common but are even less likely when the abortion is carried out early in pregnancy by an experienced doctor or nurse.

If there are no problems with the abortion, then having an abortion will not affect your chances of having a baby in the future.

IS ABORTION SAFE?

There is a wide variation because each health service provider has to decide how much money to spend on clinic care. The cost at a privately run clinic can be higher. The cost at a publicly run clinic can be higher. The cost at a publicly run clinic can be higher. The cost at a publicly run clinic can be higher.

Abortion is free if you are referred by the NHS. In some areas, over 90 per cent of all abortions are funded by the NHS. In other areas, the percentage is much lower. There is a wide variation because each health service provider has to decide how much money to spend on clinic care.

ARE ABORTIONS FREE?

WHAT ABOUT ME?

This may be a difficult time for partners, too. Some will want to share in the decision; others won't want to be involved at all. Many will support their girlfriend's or wife's choice, even if it conflicts with their own feelings. Even where there is no relationship, a man may feel he has a right to be informed.

However, it is up to the girl or woman to decide whether or not to involve the man in her choice. He has no legal right to be informed, or to be involved in her decision.

Women whose partners are pregnant by sperm donation may find it difficult too, if their partner decides not to continue their pregnancy, though many will support her choice.



Other reasons for choosing an abortion may be that your husband, partner or parent wants you to have one; you have, or the fetus has, a health problem; or you have been raped.