

Statutory Document No. 2019/0123

*Abortion Reform Act 2019*

## **ABORTION REFORM ACT 2019 (APPOINTED DAY) ORDER 2019**

*Made:* 22 February 2019

*Laid before Tynwald:*

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The Department of Health and Social Care makes the following Order under section 2 of the Abortion Reform Act 2019.

### **1 Title**

This Order is the Abortion Reform Act 2019 (Appointed Day) Order 2019.

### **2 Interpretation**

In this Order —

“**the Act**” means the Abortion Reform Act 2019; and

“**Department**” means the Department of Health and Social Care.

### **3 Commencement of the Act**

- (1) The following provisions of the Act come into operation as specified in paragraphs (2) to (4).
- (2) The provisions of the Act set out in paragraph (3) come into operation immediately after this Order is made for the purpose of enabling the Department to make or issue —
  - (a) statutory documents;
  - (b) guidelines;
  - (c) directions; and
  - (d) any other documents,required under the Act.
- (3) The provisions of the Act are —
  - (a) section 6 (abortion services – conditions for provision);
  - (b) section 12 (duties of medical professional following termination);

- (c) section 17 (regulations);
  - (d) section 19 (access zones – hospitals and other premises where terminations are performed or counselling is provided);
  - (e) section 21 (access zones – homes of persons providing abortion services or counselling);
  - (f) section 22 (access zones – maximum dimensions); and
  - (g) section 26 (access zones – notices).
- (4) The Act comes into operation for all other purposes on 24 May 2019.

**MADE**

**DAVID ASHFORD**  
*Minister for Health and Social Care*

*EXPLANATORY NOTE*

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order brings the Abortion Reform Act 2019 (“the Act”) into operation.

For the purpose of making statutory documents, directions, guidelines and documents required under the Act, section 6 (abortion services – conditions for provision), section 12 (duties of medical professional following termination), section 17 (regulations), section 19 (access zones – hospitals and other premises where terminations are performed or counselling is provided), section 21 (access zones – homes of persons providing abortion services or counselling), section 22 (access zones – maximum dimensions) and section 26 (access zones – notices) come into operation immediately after the Order is made.

The Act comes into operation for all other purposes on 24 May 2019.