

20th February 2019

Dear Commissioner,

I would like to let you know that Marie Stopes UK will be offering misoprostol at home as an option for early medical abortion (EMA).

The government amended the approval for the class of place where abortion drugs can be administered for the second stage of EMA to include a place in England where a pregnant woman has her permanent address or usually resides. This aligns with earlier similar legislative change in Scotland and Wales.

This is a welcome and positive step, as it removes the distressing experience of pain and bleeding on the journey home. It gives women the choice of administering the tablets in the safety and comfort of their own home.

Marie Stopes UK will begin a pilot from 11th March 2019 at our Maidstone and Ealing centres. This will help us to ensure that we optimise our treatment pathways to offer women better access and more choice when it comes to their reproductive options. Following this, we intend to rollout to our other centres and early medical units from 1st April 2019.

Please find attached a briefing document which provides more information on this service and the rollout programme.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require any further information.

Yours sincerely,



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