

# How do we sustain abortion services for the future?

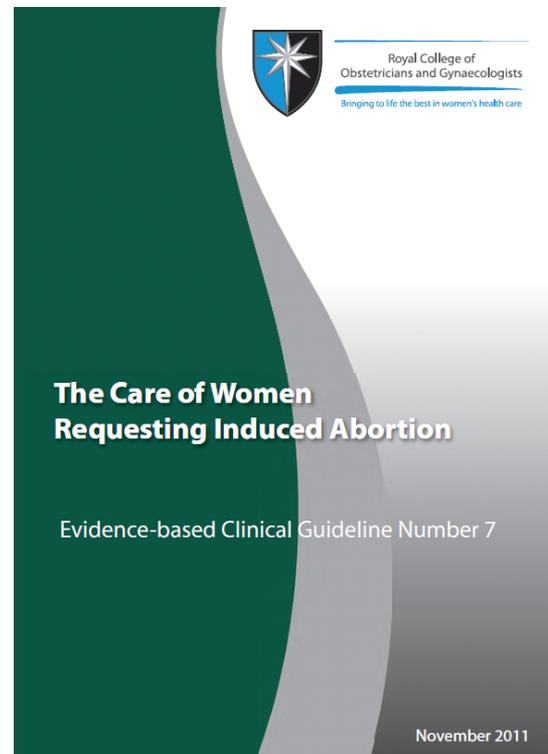
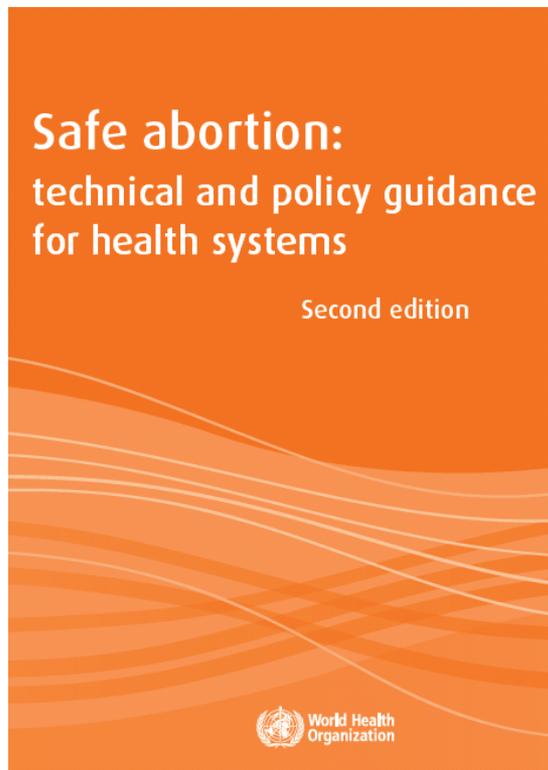
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**Evidence shows  
when abortion is legal & regulated ...  
abortion is safe and necessary**





# But clinical evidence isn't enough to combat opposition

**To many – even those who believe abortion should be provided – it is more than just another medical procedure**

**Times when we must challenge**

**– such as when morally driven laws/regulations undermine treatment.**

**Doctors are not just technicians who just follow guidelines, and many of us don't want a society where they are compelled to do that.**

## **Challenge #1:**

**to motivate, train, and enable those who are willing to provide this essential care and have a conscientious commitment to delivering services**

# Challenge: to motivate, train and enable



Successful examples such as the UCLA Ryan Fellowship programme.

But – need to stretch our imaginations

Search for people who want to do this work (nurses, midwives, pharmacists)

Embrace new technologies that help make us redundant

Confront our insecurities about what abortion could look like in a world where it is truly decriminalised.

## **Challenge #2;**

**to sustain our family of providers,  
not all of whom may be like ourselves  
or who the politics and views that we  
might wish them to have.**

# Challenge to sustain

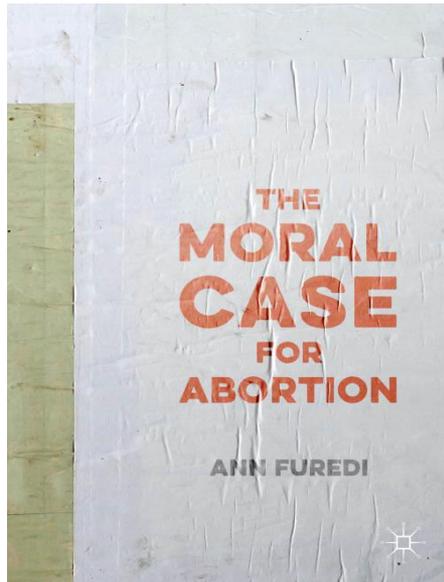
**We need to sustain and value those with experience who have:**

- won the battles of the past,
- treated the difficult cases,
- managed their way around the regulations,
- given their entire working lives to the service of our movement and women.

**We are a family – and some relatives are difficult and have different values**

**We support womens autonomy, and the reproductive choice that is part of that, because they must be authors of their own life stories.**

**We trust women to decide because we know they are capable of making those hard decisions.**



## The Moral Case for Abortion

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Ann Furedi is Chief Executive of British Pregnancy Advisory Service, a not-for-profit provider of abortion services in the UK. She is a leading pro-choice advocate and has written extensively on issues relating to pregnancy and birth control.

### About the book

This thought-provoking book sets out the ethical arguments for a woman's right to choose. Drawing on the traditions of sociological thinking and moral philosophy, it maintains that there is a strong moral case for recognizing autonomy in personal decision-making about reproductive intentions. More than this, it argues that to prevent a woman from making her own choice to continue or end her pregnancy is to undermine the essence of her humanity. The author, a provider of abortion services in the UK, asserts that true respect for human life and true regard for individual conscience demand that we respect a woman's right to decide, and that support for a woman's right to a termination has moral foundations and ethical integrity. This fresh perspective on abortion will interest both pro- and anti-choice individuals and organizations, along with academics in the fields of gender studies, philosophy, ethics and religion.

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