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Dear Sir George,

Thank you for your correspondence of 5 May to Matt Hancock on behalf a number of your constituents about abortion.

On 30 March 2020, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care put in place a temporary measure to ensure continued access to abortion services during the pandemic. Eligible women are able to take both pills for early medical abortion (up to ten weeks' gestation) in their own homes, following a telephone or e-consultation with a clinician, without the need to first attend a hospital or clinic.

The Government's three-month consultation on whether to make this measure permanent has now closed. We will carefully consider all the comments received, and plan to publish our response later this year.

I hope this reply is helpful.

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