

On behalf of Project Choice, this is a submission to the call for evidence on the Abortion Services (Safe Access Zones) Act (Northern Ireland) 2021

Clause 1: We support the content of clause 1 as we believe access to healthcare should be free from intimidation

Clause 2: We support the content and principle of clause 2 as we believe those seeking access to an abortion should be able to do so without fear of harassment or intimidation

Clause 3: we support the content of clause 3 as we believe those who attend these premises both patient, health care professional and staff should be allowed to attend these premises without fear or intimidation

Clause 4: We support this clause as we believe these people should be afforded protection by the act.

Clause 5: We support this clause as we believe people should be able to access healthcare freely without impediment in public spaces

Clause 6: We support clause 6 as we believe it adequately protects the aforementioned protected people from impediment to the access of healthcare.

Clause 7: we support clause 7 as it puts the responsibility for enforcement onto the police, allowing people protection from harassment and intimidation.

Clause 8: we support the procedure outlined in clause 8

Clause 9: we support clause 9 and would like to particularly highlight our support for the dignity for these protected persons.

Clause 10: we support the monitoring procedure outlined in clause 10

Clause 11 we support the definitions outlined in clause 11

Clause 12: we support clause 12

Clause 13: we support the title outlined in clause 13.