



WE Party Conference

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Amendment Title: Preserving Abortion Rights

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Type of amendment: Amendment to Policy motion

Title of motion you wish to amend: Improved care after pregnancy loss

Motion text you wish to amend:

Line 9: Option to register the birth and death of any still-born from 16 weeks;

Line 16: All hospitals to provide/print a 'remembrance certificate' for parents of pregnancy losses in EPAU/Maternity.

Wording of amendment:

N.B. Black ~~struck through~~ text is deleted and *italic* text is new text in its place.

1 Remove line 9 of the motion:

2 ~~Option to register the birth and death of any still-born from 16 weeks~~

3 Amend line 16 to read:

4 ~~All hospitals to provide/print a 'remembrance certificate' for parents of pregnancy losses~~
5 ~~in EPAU/Maternity.~~ All hospitals to provide/print an *optional* 'remembrance certificate' for
6 parents of pregnancy losses.

Amendment rationale:

7 This amendment to this motion will mitigate the risk the motion currently presents to the
8 Women's Equality Party's campaigns on abortion rights in the UK. The currently 24-week
9 limit is in line with the 24-week abortion time limit in England, Wales and Scotland.

10 This amendment will still offer a pregnancy loss certificate, but the change will ensure that
11 anti-abortion groups cannot use earlier birth registrations to challenge abortion rights.
12 Making the certificate optional will ensure that women who do not wish to take advantage
13 of it are able to choose whether to do so.