



PRESS RELEASE

ABORTION LAW REFORM: KRW LAW LLP ENDORSES LABOUR PARTY VISIT TO NI AND MANIFESTO PLEDGE TO LEGISLATE FOR SAFE ABORTION

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Last year, KRW LAW LLP represented Sarah Ewart before the UK Supreme Court (UKSC) where she sought to challenge the lawfulness of the law on abortion in Northern Ireland. Sarah Ewart, whose first pregnancy was given a fatal foetal diagnosis, and had to travel to England to terminate her pregnancy as Northern Ireland's laws did not permit her to receive her healthcare within our jurisdiction.

The UKSC is now considering its judgment and whether Northern Ireland law breaches women's rights by not allowing abortions in cases of sexual crime and fatal foetal abnormalities.

Today Amnesty International (AI) and the Family Planning Association (FPA) host an event to welcome a group of British Labour MPs to Northern Ireland in their support of reform of the present legislation. The Labour Party has a manifesto commitment to bring forth legislation to ensure safe and legal abortion in Northern Ireland, which is now also being considered by the Republic of Ireland.

In the absence of an effective political administration at Stormont – and in the anticipation of opposition to the proposed legislation – KRW LAW LPP welcomes this initiative of AI and FPA and supports reform of the law to avoid the situation forced upon Sarah Ewart and other women in our jurisdiction. **ENDS**

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