

PE2020/C: Provide fertility treatment to single women

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Please consider this information with my petition for better equality in fertility treatment rights. There is a huge demonstration of how unhappy people are about the discrimination being allowed around fertility in the UK making this a serious problem. **There are a combined 85,065 signatures from the first 7 petitions on one subject - fertility, all in the U.K and from one platform.**

- Fertility Fairness in the UK: Created by R.L. **44,649 supporters.**
- Fertility Treatment equality: Created by H.P. **301 Supporters.**
- Make Fertility treatment available regardless of vaccination status: Created by N.McG. **5,0007 Supporters.**
- Stop proposed cuts to fertility treatment NI: Created by D.McG. **301 Supporters.**
- Stop denying fertility treatment to people who's partners have children from previous relationships: Created by J.H. **17,172 Supporters.**
- Fairness in Fertility: Created by D.C. **10,257 Supporters.**
- Woman Prevented from becoming single mothers under Scottish law: Created by A.M. **774 Supporters.**

Why are England allowing single woman to receive free fertility treatment on the NHS, but Scotland are not? Why is that difference allowed between countries? In 2016, women in England were not granted treatment and Scottish couples were. Do our countries make people aware of these options and changes so that they can plan their lives around your ruling systems? My Doctor referred me for fertility treatment and did not understand the denial or know these rules. My doctor referred me for fertility treatment and did not understand the denial or know these rules. I pass every other requirement set – weight, age, health, home etc. but I'm denied fertility support because I'm single. In what world is meant to be a democratic country, why are there are over eighty-five thousand disagreeing signatures and why is nothing being done about these disputes? Why is there such bias, discrimination, and control over people's lives? Why is it that anyone gets to decide that you must be in a relationship to have a family? Why do I need to force myself into a relationship? Many people excel as single parents! Facts are that most relationships break down and most children are not raised with both parents. It is sheer discrimination to fit into a box that I and many do not fit. Why does this two-parent rule not apply for adoption or fostering services if it's a mandatory requirement for single woman to conceive a biological child? Are these rules checked on with the couples who are granted treatment? What if they separate after funded treatment to have babies together? Do they need to pay back to the system if they become single

or is tick boxes suffice for overseeing people's choices in parenthood? Why is there support in our inclusive country to be a different sex? Any sexuality? Change physical bodies etc supported on the NHS. But single woman prevented from conceiving a child safely. It's life ruining and diabolical.

Are individual circumstances taken into consideration as to why woman want a solo parenting family? I am a single woman of choice. A survivor of child sexual abuse. Of domestic abuse as an adult. A sufferer of CPTSD - a backed up and widely understood medical condition that makes perfect sense to health professionals, as to why I want to remain in a single status to conceive. Especially while having and raising my future child in and for both our best interest as I don't have enough time to meet and worry about a partner at my age. A baby is my priority, and my career has taken my time prior. I am a fighter for freedom of choice - something the Scottish Government are preventing me having. I am also a Christian choosing not to commit myself to another that I do not intend on spending my life with. Meeting the right and trustworthy person that my baby would call a co-parent will and should take more time than is being set aside for me. I cannot meet, partner, and cohabit with a person for 3 years before being allowed medical support to have a baby. Fertility support is cut off at 40 years old maximum, I'm denied at 37 as single, leaving not enough time to meet the required tick boxes. Why is it that me and thousands of women I have spoken with during this research, have to meet street sperm donors instead of being safely supported in approved clinics across the world?

One woman to note was raped in her own home after saying she wanted to do an artificial method. To then be threatened by court parental rights if the woman doesn't continue to pay him off. Is that safe and equal family making? NO! We aren't lepers – we are merely single. And we are at a risk that needs considering better than this. Why is it that even though I managed to conceive - for it to unfortunately result in an ectopic pregnancy, that I am not allowed fertility checks to see if there is anything wrong with my fallopian tubes because I am single and that's considered fertility treatment? Woman are advised on the NHS to try conceiving for 3 years to gain help - I have been trying longer. Allowing more than 6 attempts per sperm donor. I have tried more than. I have proven no sexual health infections. No health restraints to conceiving. Proven high fertile score in ovulation and menstrual cycles. I am stable and consistent, A professional. A good human of good health and determination to be a mother. I am trying my complete and utter hardest, many are.