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[Individual rights and autonomy key themes at NSS healthcare event](#)

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Speakers have told an NSS conference that individual rights and autonomy should take priority over religious concerns in healthcare. [Read More »](#)

[Commons passes bill and amendment on abortion in NI](#)

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The NSS has called for reform of Northern Ireland's abortion laws after MPs passed a bill and an amendment on the subject this week. [Read More »](#)

[NI women will be able to access abortions in Ireland, minister says](#)

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Women from Northern Ireland will be able to access abortion services in the Republic of Ireland, an Irish minister has said. [Read More »](#)

[NI abortion law incompatible with human rights, says Supreme Court](#)

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The NSS is again calling for reform of Northern Ireland's abortion laws after a judgement on their compatibility with human rights law. [Read More »](#)

[NSS: religious dogma must not restrict access to abortions in NI](#)

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The NSS has reiterated its call for reform to Northern Ireland's abortion laws amid pressure on the UK government to legislate. [Read More »](#)

Official report recommends amending abortion law in NI

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The NSS has welcomed a report which has recommended allowing abortion in cases of fatal foetal abnormalities in Northern Ireland. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes decision to implement buffer zone around abortion clinic

Posted: Tue, 10 Apr 2018

The NSS has welcomed the creation of a buffer zone around a west London abortion clinic and called for similar action nationwide. [Read More »](#)

Peer: conscientious objection bill is “a wolf in sheep’s clothing”

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An NSS honorary associate has criticised a proposal to extend medical practitioners' rights not to do their duties on religious grounds. [Read More »](#)

NSS welcomes Conway Hall launch of 'Victorian Blogging' project

Posted: Wed, 06 Sep 2017

The National Secular Society has welcomed a new project from Conway Hall which will highlight the work of Victorian radicals on major issues of the 19th century, including secularism. [Read More »](#)

Government to make free abortion services available to NI women in England

Posted: Thu, 29 Jun 2017

The NSS has welcomed a Government announced that Northern Irish women will be able to get abortions on the NHS in England. [Read More »](#)

Supreme Court rules NI women don't have equal right to abortion services in England

Posted: Wed, 14 Jun 2017

In a three/two decision, the UK Supreme Court has ruled that UK citizens normally resident in Northern Ireland do not have a right to free abortion services from NHS England on the same basis as other UK citizens. [Read More »](#)

Huge gulf between Catholics and Church leaders over social issues, survey finds

Posted: Mon, 06 Jul 2015

A survey of Catholics in England and Wales has found a very large gap between their views and the teachings of the church on gay marriage, contraception and divorce. [Read More »](#)

Secular Medical Forum warns that new Conscientious Objection Bill threatens provision of patient care

Posted: Thu, 18 Jun 2015

Secular doctors have voiced serious concerns about the Conscientious Objection (Medical Activities) Bill, which had its first reading in the House of Lords on 4th June 2015. [Read More »](#)

Head of Polish hospital dismissed after refusing abortion on religious grounds

Posted: Fri, 11 Jul 2014

The head of a Polish public hospital has been dismissed for refusing on religious grounds to carry out an abortion on a woman whose unborn baby suffered from serious malformations. [Read More »](#)

MPs urge action on Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Posted: Wed, 12 Feb 2014

MPs are calling on Health Secretary, Jeremy Hunt, to regulate Crisis Pregnancy Centres following

evidence that at least 38 nationwide abortion advice centres have misled vulnerable women. [Read More »](#)

[Religious-right lobby succeeds in sabotaging progressive EP report on women's reproductive rights](#)

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After an extensive and well-organised lobbying effort from the religious right, the European Parliament has, on Human Rights day, rejected a progressive Report on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights (SRHR). [Read More »](#)

[Your support needed for EP report on women's sexual and reproductive rights](#)

Posted: Thu, 17 Oct 2013

Next Tuesday (22 October), the European Parliament will vote on a report on Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights that has been put forward by the Parliament's Women's Rights Committee. [Read More »](#)

[Woman claims Catholic pharmacist made her "feel like a murderer" when she asked for morning after pill](#)

Posted: Thu, 18 Jul 2013

The General Pharmaceutical Council is conducting a misconduct hearing against a Polish Catholic pharmacist, who allegedly told a woman that she was "plotting murder" after she asked for the morning after pill. [Read More »](#)

[Catholic midwives face further legal challenge to "conscience" exemption](#)

Posted: Mon, 17 Jun 2013

Two Catholic midwives who, in April, won a legal case at Scotland's supreme civil court for the right to conscientious exemption from all involvement in abortion procedures, now face a further legal challenge. [Read More »](#)

[Abortion reforms in Spain: government accused of return to Franco era](#)

Posted: Fri, 10 May 2013

The Spanish Government is preparing a reform to the country's abortion law that, some have argued, will return Spain to a situation similar to the one that existed under General Franco's dictatorship. [Read More »](#)

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