

EVIDENCE PACK

**CALLING FOR A PUBLIC SPACES PROTECTION ORDER (PSPo)
ON MATTOCK LANE**



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SYNOPSIS

Sister Supporter is a grass-roots campaign, founded by local Ealing residents in November 2015. We are campaigning for the public space outside Marie Stopes clinic, Mattock Lane, to be free from intimidation and harassment, allowing those who wish to exercise their legal right to healthcare to do so without interference and judgement.

We launched a petition to Ealing Council, asking them to consider a Public Spaces Protection Order outside of the clinic. The evidence in this pack has been gathered by supporters, residents and the Marie Stopes clinic. It is just a fraction of what we have collected, but we believe it demonstrates the necessity of a PSPO on Mattock Lane.

Thank you

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

14TH JULY 2017

The gate and blue door seen to the left of the image is the entrance to the clinic, meaning patients have to walk past protestors and their signs to enter.

On the floor under the number '87' you can see medically-inaccurate images of 'foetuses' and their signs read (from l-r) 'thou shalt not kill', 'abortion: one dead, one wounded', 'give your baby a present, a birthday' and 'abortion kills babies'.

This image clearly demonstrates the pro-life presence goes far beyond 'offering alternatives to abortion and financial and moral support', as they claim.



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

18TH FEBRUARY 2017

The tree seen in this image is directly opposite the clinic door, meaning anyone entering or leaving has to see the large prayer vigil.

We have also been told by the clinic that the prayers can be heard from the consulting rooms, which understandably distresses patients.



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

19TH MAY 2017

The woman in this image is stood two feet from the clinic entrance (to the left of her) and is holding a gruesome image that medical professionals have confirmed is not that of an aborted fetus.

Her proximity to the clinic entrance and the graphic nature of this image is clearly intended to cause distress.



PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

5TH AUGUST 2017



The woman in the navy coat is seen calling down the path of the clinic, standing on clinic property and continuing to harass a person that has asked to be left alone.

PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE

22ND APRIL 2017

This model of a plastic foetus was given to a resident by a man standing at the clinic gates, who mistakenly believed she was a patient at the clinic.

Models like these are given out to women using the clinic with the intention of upsetting them.



VIDEO EVIDENCE

The following transcripts and screenshots are taken from videos recorded outside the Ealing clinic, featuring one of the regular anti-choice protestors, demonstrating the type of harassment women entering the clinic have to face.

You can watch the full video here: <https://vimeo.com/234863599>
Password: SisterSupporter

TRANSCRIPT

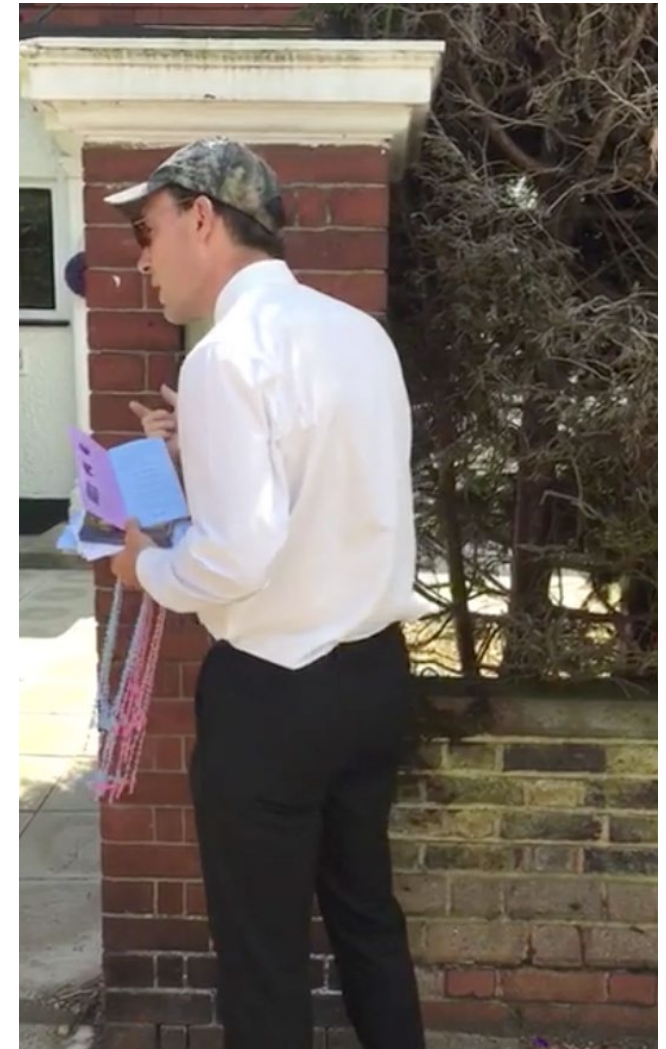
'This is 11 weeks and that's um, 10 weeks ...[plane noise]... the first pill stops the baby's nutrition and the second pill..[inaudible] but the baby's life can still be saved if the mother's only taken one pill and in some cases we've actually found **the mother's, baby's life can still be saved even when she's taken 2 pills**'

'So I mean the thing is, are you having a scan today? [woman answers yes] Well, we can arrange a scan for you ... no charge [woman inaudible] the thing is, **they won't show you the scan, we can** show you the scan ... [woman says no]. Are you sure? Have a look at our leaflet inside ... [inaudible] support. Please take a rosary.'

The claims made in this video are entirely inaccurate. Since the protester is not a medical professional, offering this kind of misinformation is dangerous.

Pregnant people are only allowed a set number of scans for the health of both parent and foetus, offering unlicensed scans puts both at risk. Also, clinics always offer to show the scans should the patient wish to see.

Anti-choice individual placed directly at gate, obstructing the path of those entering and calling after patients.



VIDEO EVIDENCE

17TH JULY 2017

Video link: <https://vimeo.com/234864073>
Password: SisterSupporter

TRANSCRIPT

“Mum, please take one ...
[inaudible] I’m truly sorry but God will forgive you, but we
encourage you to pray , **because if you pray, you won’t
end up back here Mum**”.

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VIDEO EVIDENCE

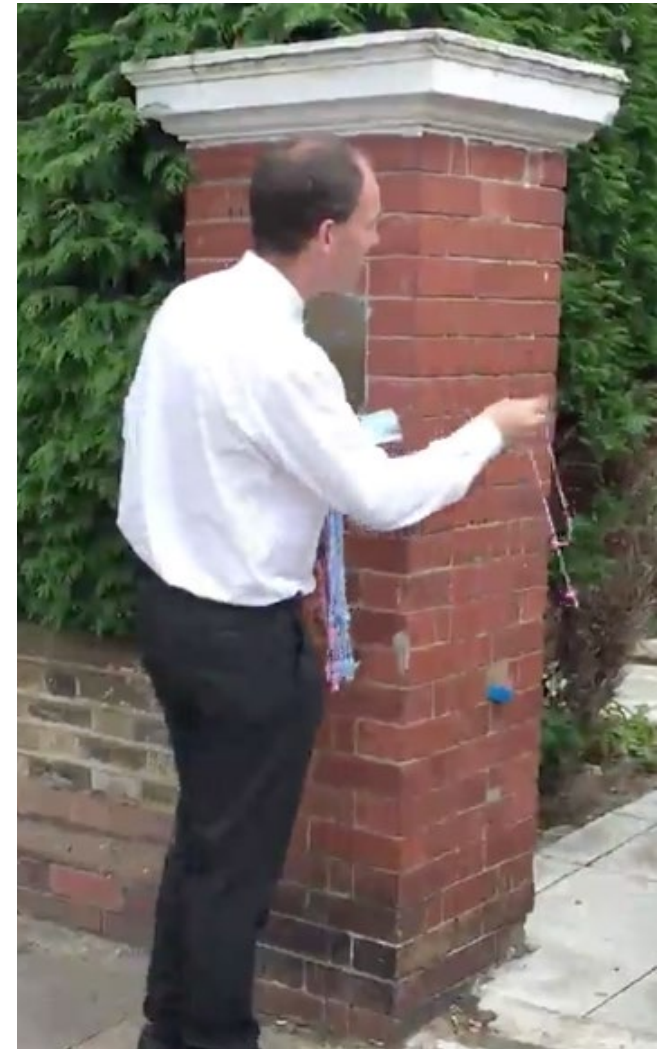
4TH AUGUST 2017

Video link: <https://vimeo.com/234863855>
Password: SisterSupporter

TRANSCRIPT

“...we encourage you to pray and, um, God is a God of mercy and I’m truly sorry ... [inaudible] ... maybe change your lifestyle and you should have kept your baby today. God bless you.”

Pro-life individual placed directly at gate, obstructing the path of those entering and calling after patients.



INCIDENT LOG

4TH AUGUST 2017

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RECORDS OF PROTESTOR ISSUES

- DOCUMENT ANYONE UPSET.
- ANYONE WHO MENTIONS THEY FEEL AGGRAVED AT THEM BEING THERE
- ANY TIME YOU NOTICE THEM BLOCKING THE GATE

DATE	TIME	INCIDENT
11.01.17	11.11am	Approached client coming in.
11.01.17	14.00	Client said protesters told her she would feel guilty by punished by God. Reported she said she felt scared by this.
11.01.17	14.12	Client stopped at gate with friend by protesters kneeling + praying. Protestors told client that she will be haunted by her

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DATE	TIME	INCIDENT
01.01.2017	14.12	<p>babay "if she knew procedure, told her friend that 18yo client returned here yesterday + changed her mind + it was "a miracle." Also said things like "God will punish you." Client says she felt panicked / scared by what they had said to her.</p> <p>Friend of client who was present is happy to be contacted for a statement: [REDACTED]</p> <p>Client does not want to be contacted as sister works in police.</p>
01.01.2017	14.58	<p>Approached by protesters. Was distressed by pictures. Standing in gateway so hard to come in through driveway. nt</p> <p>Happy to be contacted for statement - [REDACTED]</p>

This is a log kept by the clinic staff at Marie Stopes, Ealing. This is only a small fraction of the incidents recorded, but it gives a clear picture of the anti-choice behaviours.

17.06.17

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- protesters shouting at clients as they arrive at centre Don't do it - police called.

21.07.17

Client reported protesters obstructing entrance and sent her away from clinic. Police informed.

22.07.17

Client + accompanying friend feeling intimidated by number of protesters approaching them - both felt scared and uncomfortable walking past.

28.07.17

Client grabbed on arm by protesters to stop them entering - described as aggressive. "You're not allowed in"

06/04/17 15:10 (Stephanie)

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Woman buzzed at door, I let her in. She walked in to which I asked if I could help. She asked me if this is where we murder babies. I asked her to leave immediately. She proceeded to tell me that our judgement day was coming & to this once again where we murder babies. I asked her to once again leave, which she did.

7/4/17. Client distressed at being approached by protester - would not allow her to pass. Visibly upset when finally arrived in centre.

8/4/17. Protester called client back. Come front door, had to go and help her. ~~controversial~~

22/4/17 client very tearful after being called a murderer as she walked into clinic.

Date	Time	INCIDENTS	17
3.5.17	08:00	Had to ask protestors not to block the pathway. had prevented two people from coming in the building.	
3.5.17	08:40	Had to escort girl into building who ran in as too scared to go past the protestors.	
3.5.17	08:45	couple came in upset as protestor had blocked their path	

Date	Time	INCIDENTS	17
3/3/17	2/00	-DARK-HAIRED- A Guy out the front in Van pounced on my daughter and <u>Made her Cry</u> . Very angry parent. They don't No The Circumstances and are praying on the Weak!! <u>This is harassment!!!</u>	
3/3/17	16:30	Claiming that they can help with having benefits & support with raising the baby.	
25/3/17	09:54	CLIENT GE, 10-MIN APP. O/C PROVIDED AS CLIENT WAS VERY UPSET ABOUT THE PROTESTERS OUTSIDE THE CLINIC, SHE DID NOT WANT TO PASS THEM. I WENT OUTSIDE TO ESCORT HER INTO THE CLINIC, CLIENT TRAFFIC	

RESIDENTS STATEMENTS

As a resident that lives opposite this clinic, their behaviour causes anxiety and distress among those in my household and we purposefully avoid that side of the road as much as possible. The graphic images they place in the street are not pleasant – particularly when children regularly use this route. I have seen them giving children leaflets which I do not believe to be appropriate and I would not like my own children to see this material.

- Resident A, Name & Address given

This morning the blond vigil[er] stopped a young couple and harassed them for over 10minutes I called the... clinic but no one was picking up for those 10 minutes!!! The blond vigil[er] made the girl cry and the man pushed her aside and they finally got into the clinic 8:50am, I'm so upset!!!

- Resident D, Name & Address given

I work very near the clinic on the Uxbridge Road, and I also live in the area (Carlton Rd). I used to use Walpole Park a lot I now avoid the area, and either avoid using Walpole Park or walk much further in order to enter the park by a different way. Sometimes I do walk past the vigils and I find them very distressing..... This has greatly affected my enjoyment of the local area, and Walpole Park in particular.

- Resident B, Name & Address given

I've lived in Loveday Road in Ealing for 8 years and walk down Mattock Lane and past the clinic a lot, I've seen protesters offer pink and blue rosaries asking women if they are having a boy or a girl, I've seen them praying for 'murdered' babies and asking women to reconsider their decision, as if the decision to end a pregnancy is a decision made without a lot of thought. I've seen them ask women walking into the clinic if their 'baby's' father know they are killing their child.

- Resident C, Name & Address given

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I've lived in Ealing for around 3 years now, and have lived on Mattock Lane for a year. I think the presence of the "pro life" protesters is incredibly intimidating, especially as a young woman in the area.... The photos they lay on the ground of a fetus during various stages of development is quite frankly a disgrace.

I've had guests to stay at my flat who are actually outraged at the audacity of these protesters.....stand there all day and terrorise vulnerable women.

- Resident E, Name & Address given

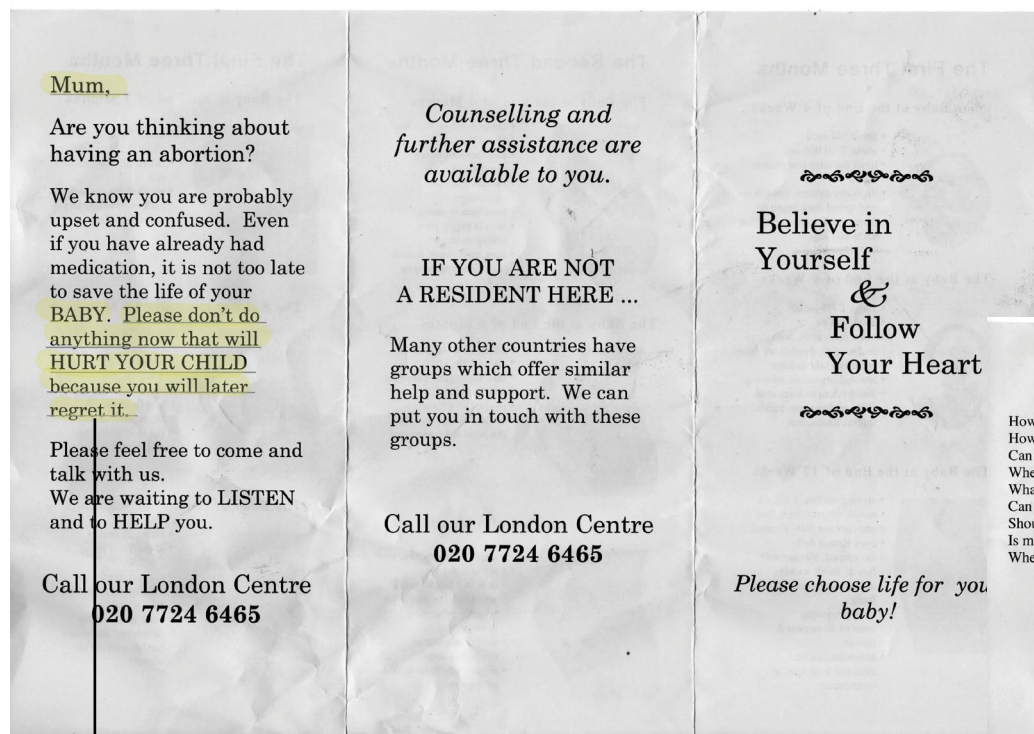
I avoid the area if I can as they upset me.

- Resident F, Name & Address given

I live at Lammas Park Road, W5 5JD. On Saturday mornings I generally walk through Lammas Park and it always deeply upsets me to see people waiting outside with the sole intent of distressing these young women further. The dolls and pictures they display are clearly intended to cause even further distress, which has to be seen as intent to cause harm..... I find this situation hugely distressing. It is also an indictment on our social mores that we allow this situation to persist.

- Resident F, Name & Address given

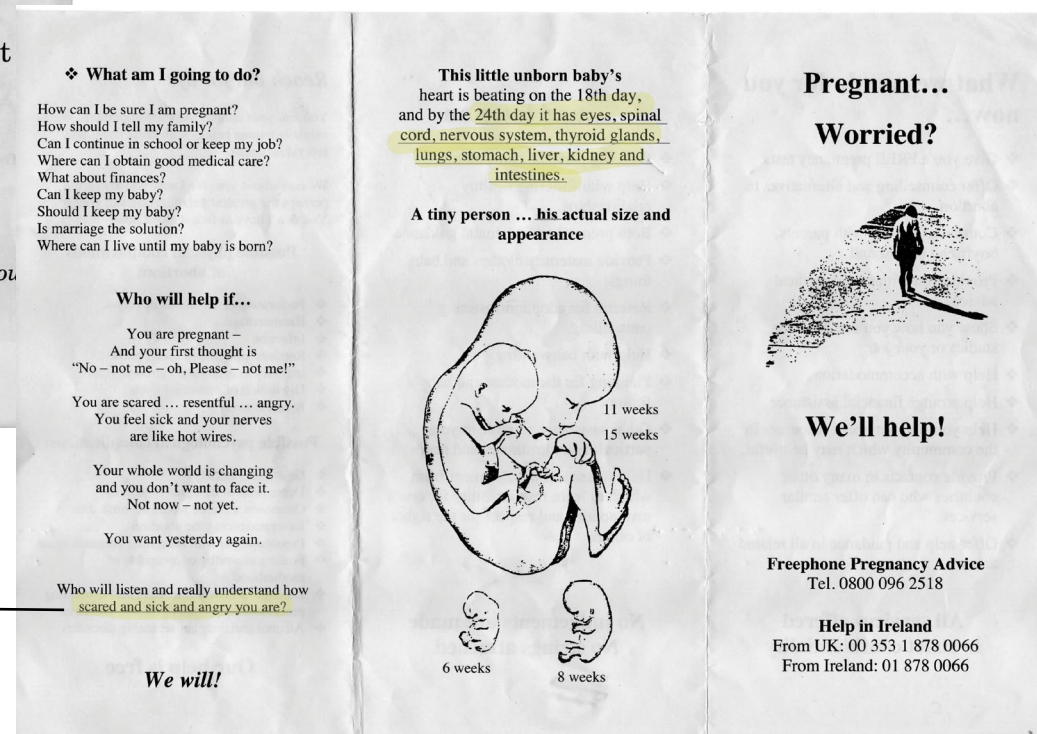
LEAFLETS



'Please don't do anything now that will HURT YOUR CHILD because you will later regret it....'

'how scared and sick and angry you are'

This language is threatening and emotionally manipulative



These leaflets are thrust into the hands of patients, staff and local residents when entering and leaving the clinic. This is an up to date version of their literature.

LEAFLETS

What we can do for you now...

- ❖ Give you a FREE pregnancy test.
- ❖ Offer counselling and alternatives to abortion.
- ❖ Counsel as needed with parents, boyfriend or husband.
- ❖ Provide you with sound medical advice.
- ❖ Show you how you can continue studies or your job.
- ❖ Help with accommodation.
- ❖ Help arrange financial assistance.
- ❖ Help you find out about resources in the community which may be useful.
- ❖ Provide contacts in many other countries who can offer similar services.
- ❖ Offer help and guidance in all related areas.

**All services offered
in strict confidentiality**

...and later on

- ❖ Ongoing personal counselling.
- ❖ Help with fostering healthy relationships.
- ❖ Both prenatal and postnatal guidance.
- ❖ Provide maternity clothes and baby things.
- ❖ Referral for adoption/fostering counselling.
- ❖ Help with baby-sitting.
- ❖ Planning for the mother and baby's future.
- ❖ Other assistance suitable to your particular circumstances and needs.
- ❖ Help foster self-development from which to learn responsibility for one's own actions and respect for the rights of others.

**No judgements are made
No strings attached**

Reach out for life

You and your unborn baby are important valuable human beings with basic rights and individual needs.

We care about you. We know you are facing perhaps the greatest personal crisis of your life. You don't have to face it alone now!

Possible physical complications of abortion:

- ❖ Perforation of the uterus or cervix
- ❖ Haemorrhage
- ❖ Infection
- ❖ Retained placenta or foetal parts
- ❖ Inability to become pregnant in future
- ❖ Disruption of menstrual cycle
- ❖ Breast cancer

Possible psychological complications:

- ❖ Guilt, fear, anxiety
- ❖ Depression or thoughts of suicide
- ❖ Obsession with the would-be birth date
- ❖ Re-experiencing the abortion
- ❖ Preoccupation with becoming pregnant again
- ❖ Feeling unworthy or incapable of motherhood
- ❖ Damage to maternal instinct and to bonding process with any other children you have
- ❖ Alcohol and drug abuse; eating disorders

Our help is free

It is well documented that breast cancer is not a side effect of an abortion. This kind of advice is incredibly misleading and reckless

'Help foster self-development from which to learn responsibility for one's own actions and respect for the rights of others'

Judgemental assumptions about the lifestyle of people using the clinic, contrary to the statement below that 'no judgements are made'

These supposed side affects are completely unproven, and are clearly intended to scare patients out of using the clinic