



**RHM statement on sex selection
and abortion
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Reproductive Health Matters does not support any changes to abortion law or practice which would reduce women's access to abortion. Furthermore, we condemn all attempts to investigate, threaten, intimidate or prosecute health professionals who are providing safe abortion services in the UK. If cases of sex selective abortion exist in the UK, they are few, and restrictions on the 1967 Abortion Act are not the way to end the practice. Such restrictions will do nothing to reduce gender discrimination against girls and women. Instead, they will make safe abortion less accessible. That is the real reason why anti-abortion MPs are proposing to outlaw sex selection. The way to reduce discrimination against girls and women is to support gender equality, gender-aware sex and relationships education, and social, economic, political and civil rights for women.