

**Private Members Bill to introduce Safe Access Zones around all facilities providing sexual and Reproductive health care services and information**

“This Council notes the increasing occurrence of harassment outside healthcare facilities in Belfast, Newry and across Northern Ireland at healthcare premises that offer reproductive and family planning services. This often includes the display of traumatising graphic anti-choice imagery, which this Council has already undertaken to seek to regulate, and attempt to interfere with the ability of patients and staff to access healthcare.

This Council condemns all forms of harassment and intimidation directed at patients and staff within our Health Service.

This Council reaffirms its belief in the right of all individuals to have safe access to healthcare, free from attempts to harass, frighten and intimidate and supports Clare Bailey MLA’s Private Members Bill to introduce safe access zones around all facilities providing sexual and reproductive health care services and information.”

Proposer: Councillor Groogan

Seconder: Alderman Copeland

(To be debated by the Council)