

Crisis Pregnancy Centres

Crisis Pregnancy Centres (CPCs) are non-government, privately run centres that offer to talk to women about pregnancy. They do not necessarily have any medical, counselling, social work or other relevant qualifications.

CPC personnel are generally ill equipped to provide factual, helpful and professional-standard services.¹

Often, however, CPCs have an anti-choice agenda and actively attempt to prevent women from obtaining abortion.²

This can be by providing false and judgemental information, delaying access to the CPC itself and thus potentially to termination services, and not providing abortion service provider details.³

Abortion Rights believes that crisis pregnancy centres should be legally required to uphold accountability, transparency and medical practice legislation.

We believe they should be required to offer only factually correct information and be equipped with qualified staff for the services they advertise.

NHS, sexual health places and private clinics already offer professional counselling to women who request it.

¹ Education for Choice, *Snapshot of Crisis Pregnancy Centres operating in England: Executive Summary*, 2011
<http://www.efc.org.uk/PDFs/CPC%20report%20executive%20summary%20EFC%202011.pdf>

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