

Abortions carried out on 12 year olds – LIFE responds

LIFE spokesperson Joanne Hill says:

“It’s a real tragedy to hear that girls aged just 12 years old are having sex, getting pregnant and having abortions at a time in their life when they should be enjoying the carefree times of childhood.

All right-minded parents will be downright shocked to hear the statistics that 10 to 15 twelve year old children are having abortions each year, statistics the Government revealed only after pressure from *The Sunday Times* under the Freedom of Information Act.

Even more shocking is that parents probably won’t be aware this is happening to their child as school nurses have the power to arrange abortions without their knowledge.

Alarmingly, some family planning experts are saying we’ve just got to get used to this. But it’s attitudes like this, and telling young girls and boys that sex is fine as long as it’s their choice and they use a condom, that have led to this mess.

We need to change behaviour by encouraging kids to put off having sex until they are old enough to deal with its consequences.

LIFE’s relationships programme does just this by giving the message of saving sex. We teach youngsters the value of sex and how to build strong, stable relationships which are loving and committed, which is what youngsters want to hear.

To give our youngsters anything other than a clear message about sex is to lead them into making decisions that can wreck their lives and rob them of the few years of childhood that should rightly be theirs.”

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