

## PILLS IN PRACTICE: IS ABORTION AND CONTRACEPTION POLICY MEETING WOMEN'S NEEDS?



**bpas conference**

Friday 11 May 2012

Registration opens at 8.30am

Conference closes at 5pm

Royal Society of Medicine,  
1 Wimpole Street, London W1G 0AE

Women in Britain generally receive free and timely access to abortion, contraception and emergency contraception. These are important and welcome developments. But do they go far enough? This one-day public conference brings together clinicians, academics, advocates and service providers from the UK, Europe and the USA to discuss the future of abortion and contraception in Britain.

09.15 - 09.45

## Britain's abortion service: Prospects and barriers

**Chair:** Ian Hammond, Chair of Trustees, bpas

**Speaker:** Ann Furedi, Chief Executive, bpas

09.45 - 11.30

## Home abortions: Do we medicalise too much?

The development of the abortion pill means that a greater proportion of abortions take place in early pregnancy; yet the legal framework surrounding the use of early medical abortion drugs in Britain is at odds with research, clinical guidance, and established best practice in other developed countries. This keynote session examines pioneering international research into the abortion pill, and discusses the political, cultural and legal barriers that can prevent its translation into practice.

**Chair:** Patricia Lohr, Medical Director, bpas

**Keynote address:** Beverly Winikoff, President, Gynuity Health Projects, USA

**International clinical and legal perspectives:** Sam Rowlands LLM MD FRCGP FFSRH, Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust and University of Warwick

Raha Shojai MD MSc, North University Hospital of Marseille, France

Kinga Jelinska, Project Manager, Women on Web, the Netherlands

Kate Greasley, DPhil candidate in law, New College, Oxford;  
Lecturer in Law, Hertford College, Oxford

11.30 - 11.50

## Coffee

11.50 - 13.00

## Contraception: LARCs and their limits

This session examines developments in Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptives (LARCs) such as the implant and the coil. Why aren't more women using them, and are women's expectations of 'fit and forget' methods appropriately managed? Would greater uptake of these methods have an impact on the number of repeat abortions, or would policymakers do better to move away from such instrumental targets?

**Chair:** Joanne Fletcher, Consultant Nurse Gynaecology, Sheffield

**Speakers:** James Trussell, Professor of Economics and Public Affairs at Princeton University; visiting Professor, the Hull York Medical School

Dawn Clark, Psychologist, London Research Centre for Therapeutic Education

Kaye Wellings, Professor of Sexual and Reproductive Health Research at London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine

13.00 - 14.00

## Lunch

14.00 - 15.00

## Contraception: Will the Pill survive a century?

Over 50 years on from the Pill's introduction into Britain, why has there been no progress in over-the-counter provision? While there have been improvements in access to the morning-after pill, why aren't we making more of it? How does the broader cultural climate affect developments in contraceptive methods, and women's attitudes towards them?

**Speakers:** **Christian Fiala** MD, PhD, Medical Director, Gynmed Clinic for Contraception and Abortion, Vienna and Salzburg, Austria

**Lara Marks**, author, *Sexual Chemistry: A history of the contraceptive pill*

**Ann Furedi**, Chief Executive, **bpas**

15.00 - 16.15

## 'Late' abortions and fetal anomaly: Towards a woman-centred service

What are the particular issues facing women seeking abortion for fetal anomaly, and how could Britain's late abortion service in general be developed and improved? What are the problems and opportunities involved in recruiting and training a new generation of abortion doctors?

**Chair:** **Jane Fisher**, Director, Antenatal Results and Choices

**Speakers:** **Stephen Robson** MB BS MRCOG MD, Professor of Fetal Medicine, Newcastle University

**Helen Statham**, Deputy Director and Senior Research Associate, Centre for Family Research, University of Cambridge

**Kate Guthrie**, Clinical Director, Hull and East Riding Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare Partnership

**Ellie Lee**, Reader in Social Policy and Director, Centre for Parenting Culture Studies, University of Kent

16.15

## Closing remarks

**Clare Murphy**, Director of Press and Public Policy, **bpas**



## Ticket prices

To purchase tickets online, please visit the conference website: [www.futureofabortion.org](http://www.futureofabortion.org)

| Early bird rate (until 30 March 2012) |     | Last-minute rate (after 30 March 2012) |      |
|---------------------------------------|-----|--|------|
| Clinical/management                   | £95 | Clinical/management                    | £125 |
| Nursing/midwifery/academic            | £75 | Nursing/midwifery/academic             | £90  |
| Unwaged/student                       | £35 | Unwaged/student                        | £50  |

For more information about the programme, speakers and venue, please email [registration@bpas.org](mailto:registration@bpas.org) or phone: 0207 612 0206 / 07976 414751

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