

The 1967 abortion act made legal abortions in Britain more freely available. The criteria for such abortions are that to have the baby would cause the woman physical and mental harm on medical grounds. This has to be agreed by two doctors, normally a GP and a consultant such as Stepto. In law, it is considered too late to have an abortion after 28 weeks and a government sponsored committee has recommended that this limit be reduced to 24 weeks. The average rate for a private abortion is about pounds 180. It over the years Stepto has been approached by hundreds of women to perform abortions, and it's a known fact that he does it. It's not illegal. He does them at Oldham and District.