

Appendix 1

We, the undersigned, petition the Council to Add Public Space Protection Orders around all abortion providing clinics, to end harassment of service users and staff.

More details from petitioner:

We are campaigning for the public space outside Manchester abortion providing clinics to be free from intimidation and harassment, allowing those who wish to exercise their legal right to healthcare to do so without interference and judgement.

Therefore we want legal buffer zones (Public Space Protection Orders or PSPOs) around clinics to prevent people who are accessing a legal healthcare service being harassed by religiously motivated groups.

We are not anti-religion, nor are we pro-abortion. We are, however, opposed to anyone, with any agenda, placing themselves outside of health services for the purpose of discouraging or deterring access to the facility. This includes religious groups conducting prayer vigils in the immediate vicinity.

The requirements for a PSPO are that (a) activities carried on in a public place within the authority's area have had a detrimental effect on the quality of life of those in the locality and (b) is, or is likely to be, of a persistent or continuing nature. We believe these requirements are met, and feel a PSPO would improve the quality of life for clinic users and residents alike.

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