

Petitioner submission of 21 October 2023

PE1969/K: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland

In my endeavour to gather information to support my petition, [PE1969: Amend the law to fully decriminalise abortion in Scotland](#), I contacted Police Scotland via 101 on 21 October 2023. During this call, I inquired whether purchasing abortion pills online and their subsequent use would constitute a criminal offense.

An officer informed me that, while there may not be extensive guidance available to the police, their actions are governed by the Abortion Act of 1967. I was advised that if there were indications of potential criminal activity, such as the procurement of abortion pills without a doctor's involvement, it would trigger a police investigation. Furthermore, I was made aware that such cases could escalate to involve CID detectives, and human rights lawyers might also be consulted in the process.