

# EVIDENCE PACK

**Calling for Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs) outside the following abortion clinics:**

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# 1. BPAS STREATHAM

*“The women who attend our clinics do so for a huge variety of reasons, and each individual woman deserves to have the right to access reproductive healthcare without being confronted by the views of others. Some women are accessing our services in the midst of **unimaginably difficult circumstances**, and for some vulnerable women anonymity is really important.*

*“We aim to offer a completely non-judgmental and supportive environment for all of our clients, to enable them to access safe terminations of pregnancy as well as other sexual health services. Protesters make this more difficult and **the presence of protesters can be unnerving for both clients and staff**. It can be **intimidating and upsetting** for people (women, their families/friends) who are often already working through a difficult period in their life.”*

- Treatment Unit Manager, bpas Streatham

## BPAS STREATHAM: STATEMENTS FROM CLIENTS

<p>Date 05/06/16</p> <p>Bombarding me with leaflets and intimidating me with their actions</p> <p>made me feel uncomfortable and afraid of what would occur.</p>	<p><i>What were the protesters doing?</i> “Bombarding me with leaflets and intimidating me with their actions.”</p> <p><i>How did this make you feel?</i> “Made me feel uncomfortable and afraid of what would occur”</p>
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*How did this make you feel?*  
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18<sup>th</sup> Oct 2016

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Date	13 / 10 / 15
What were the protesters doing?	Standing at BOTH gates, first the man asked if he could give me a leaflet, I declined and told him to go away, then other "protestor" came forward and said they could help me.
How did this activity and/or the presence of the protesters make you feel?	I think it's absolutely disgusting they are legally "allowed" to do what they're doing. It made an extremely difficult situation even more horrendous than it could/should have been.

To be filled in by a staff member

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## BPAS STREATHAM: STATEMENTS FROM STAFF

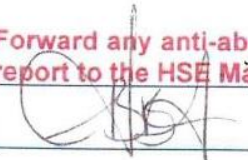
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Fax No:	
From (BPAS Manager):	[REDACTED]
Date of Report:	7-3-16
BPAS Unit:	Streatham
Date of Protest/Incident (Intended/Actual)	28-2-16
Time and Duration of Protest/Incident:	10-1500
Prior Warning Given:	None
Description of Protest/Incident (including Numbers & Characteristics of Individuals):	<p>Six people. Praying and handing out leaflets. With a white board.</p> <p>One Priest - Older people with Rosaries</p> <p>Forward any anti-abortion literature / item with a copy of this report to the HSE Manager.</p>
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From (BPAS Manager):	[REDACTED]
Date of Report:	7-3-16
BPAS Unit:	Shredmen
Date of Protest/Incident (Intended/Actual)	6-3-16
Time and Duration of Protest/Incident:	10 - 14 <sup>00</sup>
Prior Warning Given:	None
Description of Protest/Incident (including Numbers & Characteristics of Individuals):	Six people.. One at each gate and two on either side. Handing out leaflets and praying with Rosary.  Forward any anti-abortion literature / item with a copy of this report to the HSE Manager.
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From (BPAS Manager):	
Date of Report:	5 6 16
BPAS Unit:	STREATHAM
Date of Protest/Incident (Intended/Actual)	5 6 16
Time and Duration of Protest/Incident:	AFTERNOON
Prior Warning Given:	NONE
Description of Protest/Incident (including Numbers & Characteristics of Individuals):	JUST UNDER 10 STANDING BY GATES.
Signature:	<p>Forward any anti-abortion literature / item with a copy of this report to the HSE Manager.</p> 

“Just under 10 standing by gates”



## BPAS STREATHAM: ACTIVITY LOG DURING A 5-WEEK PERIOD

<u>Ref</u> <u>No</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Incident type</u>	<u>Reported by</u>	<u>Number of</u> <u>Protestors etc.</u>	<u>Police?</u>
1	26/09/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
2	27/09/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
3	01/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	3	No
4	04/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
5	08/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	2	No
6	09/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	2	No
7	11/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	3	No
8	15/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
9	18/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
10	23/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	2	No
11	25/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	2	No
12	29/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	1	No
13	30/10/2017	Streatham	Anti-choice presence	Staff	2	No

## **2. MARIE STOPES SOUTH LONDON (BRIXTON)**

## MARIE STOPES SOUTH LONDON (BRIXTON): STATEMENTS FROM CLINIC STAFF

Marie Stopes UK Anti-Choice Protester Reports:

Clinic	Date and Type	Protestor Activity Evidence
South London Centre (Brixton)	12/12/16  Facebook Message	<p>Sarah</p> <p>Please let me know what if anything can be done or is being done about the protestors outside your Brixton Hill practice? I object to them filming women who may be vulnerable and who may be attending your clinic for a variety of reasons. I also object to the large posters they are displaying. I realise they have rights to voice their views. It is the filming im objecting to. Many thanks</p>
South London Centre (Brixton)	07/05/16  Sentinel Report	Police were called to centre to remove protestors as clients were being harassed.
South London Centre (Brixton)	03/03/15  Sentinel Report	Abort67 protestors outside were upsetting clients.

## **MARIE STOPES SOUTH LONDON (BRIXTON): PHOTOGRAPHIC EVIDENCE AND PRESS COVERAGE**

*The following photograph was taken from Abort67's own Facebook page. The article from the Evening Standard was published on 6<sup>th</sup> August 2017.*



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# Thousands back calls for buffer zone around abortion clinics to stop protesters harassing women

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