Introduction and Evaluation of Abortion Care Education at Brighton and Sussex Medical School

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Background

The inclusion of abortion care in undergraduate education is essential in **preparing students for future clinical practice**. This has been recommended by the RCOG, CoSRH and BSACP (1) and is included in the Medical Licensing Assessment (MLA) guidance (2).

There is a **need for abortion care providers** and workplace exposure has been shown to influence involvement (19%) (3), showing the **importance of introducing this early in careers**.

This was first introduced at Brighton and Sussex Medical School in September 2025, with a ninety-minute seminar session on the **clinical and professional aspects of care** (supported by University College London and Doctors for Choice).

Methodology

1. **7 seminars delivered throughout the year**
   90 minute session
2. **Fourth-year medical students**
   During O&G lecture week
3. **Optional anonymous questionnaire**
   Before and after the session via Microsoft Forms

Conclusion

The vast majority of medical students think **abortion care is an essential part of healthcare provision** and this seminar **increased students' confidence and understanding** of abortion care.

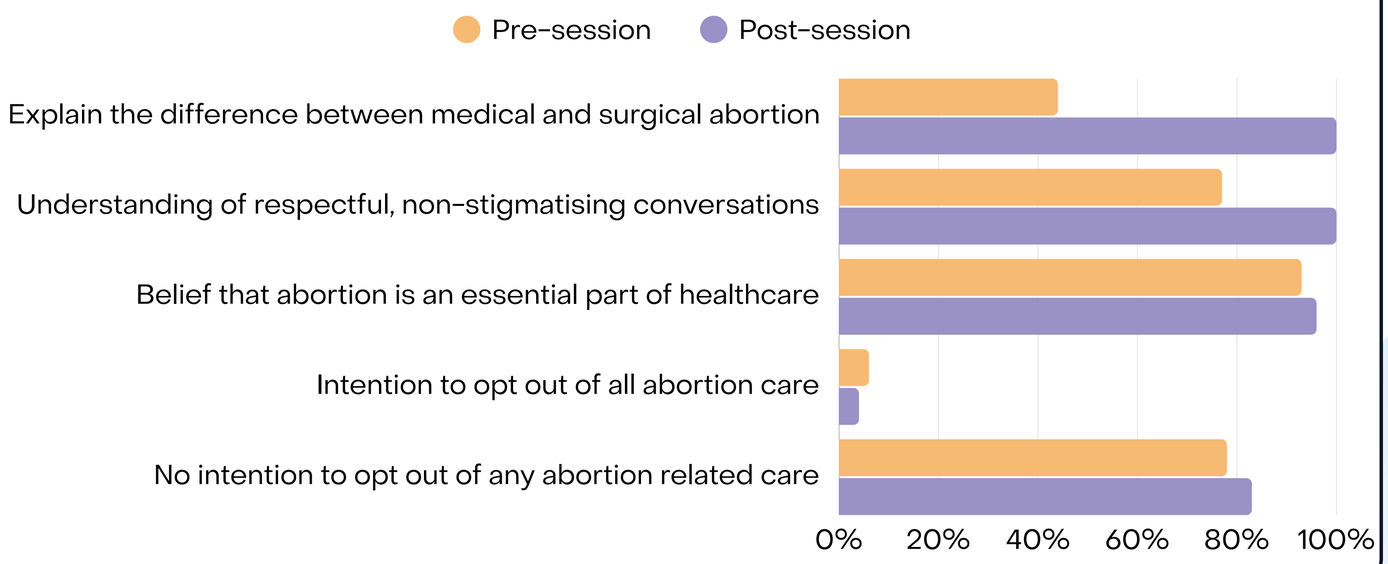
The session will continue to be delivered in the next academic year with an optional clinical attachment opportunity currently being explored.

73%

of students expressed interest in an optional clinical attachment

Results

Change in student confidence and understanding after the seminar



100%

of students wanted to be able to provide patients with accurate information.

References