

- Abortion is a medical procedure and as with any medical procedure the patient has a right to be informed of any potential side effects. i.e. if a woman finds she has contracted breast cancer she can take legal proceedings against the state that approved guidelines concealing this link
- There is a well-documented link between abortion and Breast Cancer
http://www.bpoinstitute.org/epidemiology_studies_bcpi.htm
- The IFPA were exposed in 2012 as **having endangered the lives of post abortion mothers** by telling them to conceal their abortions from their doctors.
- They were also told how to get illegal abortion pills. By ignoring these practices the government show a lack of concern for the welfare and care of vulnerable women.
- Pregnancy counselling has a huge link to the 8th Amendment and the use of foreign monies to influence the laws of Ireland
- Who exactly would be able to assess the qualifications of a Crisis Pregnancy Counsellor on what objective criteria would be used for this purpose?
- I believe that certain things are unethical and morally wrong and it would be a failure of a counsellor not to point this out to a client. We need a society that cares for all its citizens both born and unborn.
- Freedom of expression should not be compromised

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