

**EXHIBITS TO ACCOMPANY WRITTEN STATEMENT TO
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SECTION 1: HOW DO IRISH WOMEN ACCESS ABORTION SERVICES?

Exhibit 1: Irish and Northern Irish women accessing early medication abortion through online telemedicine organization Women on Web (2010-2016)

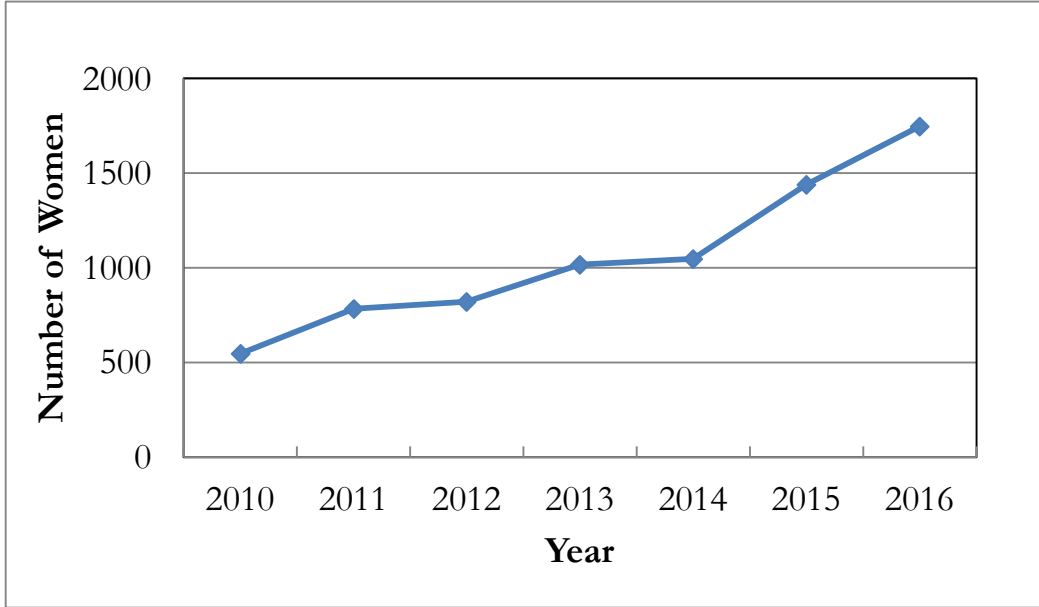
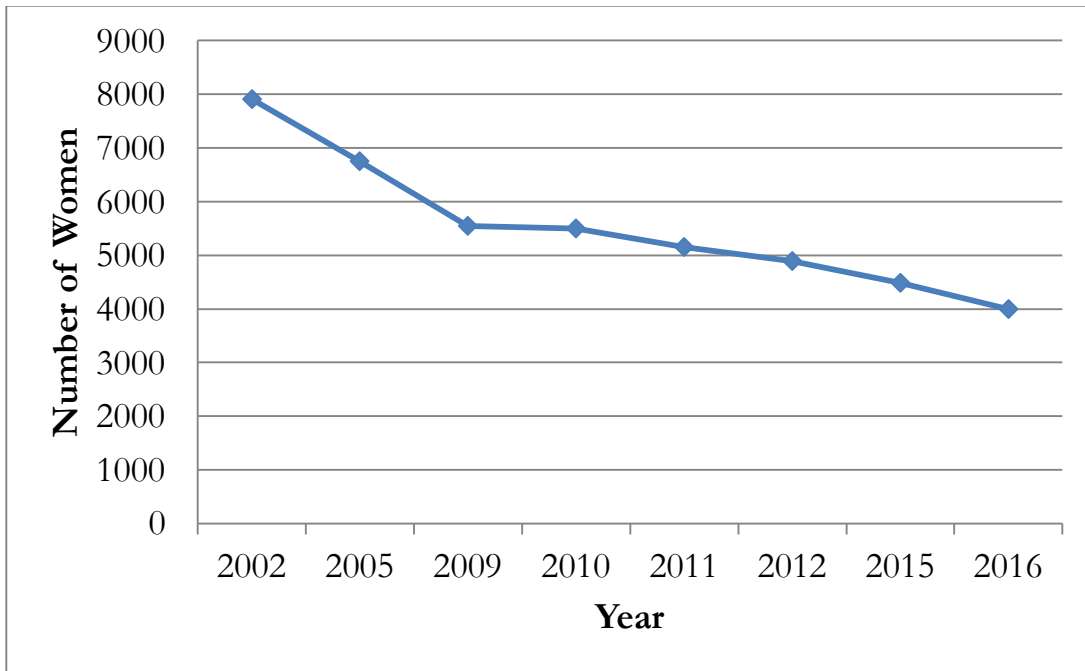
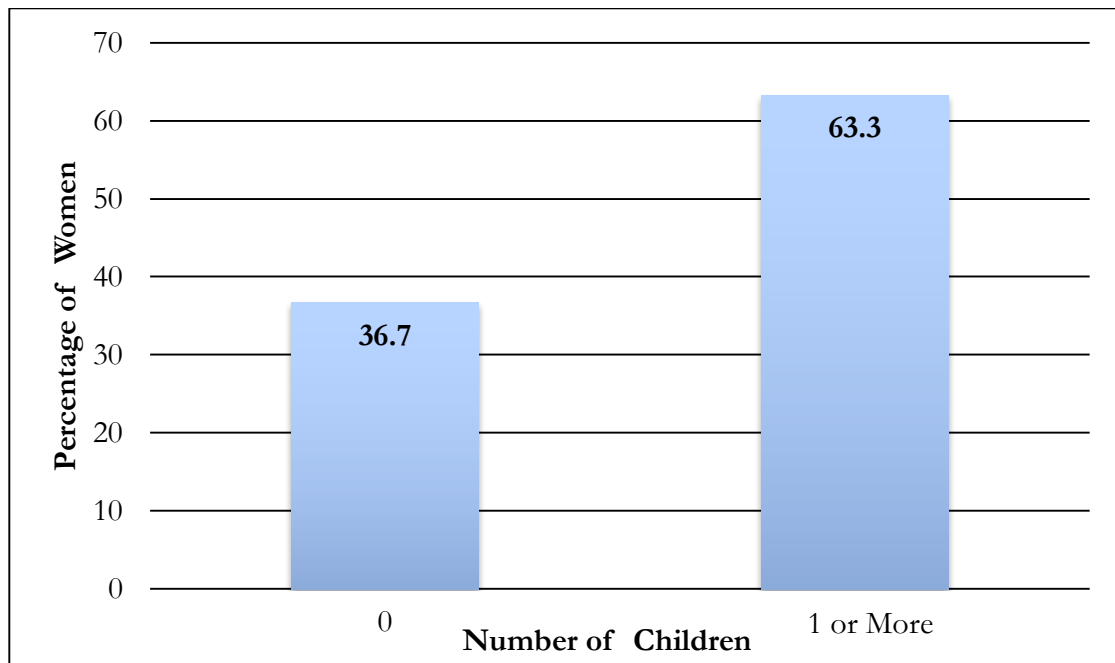
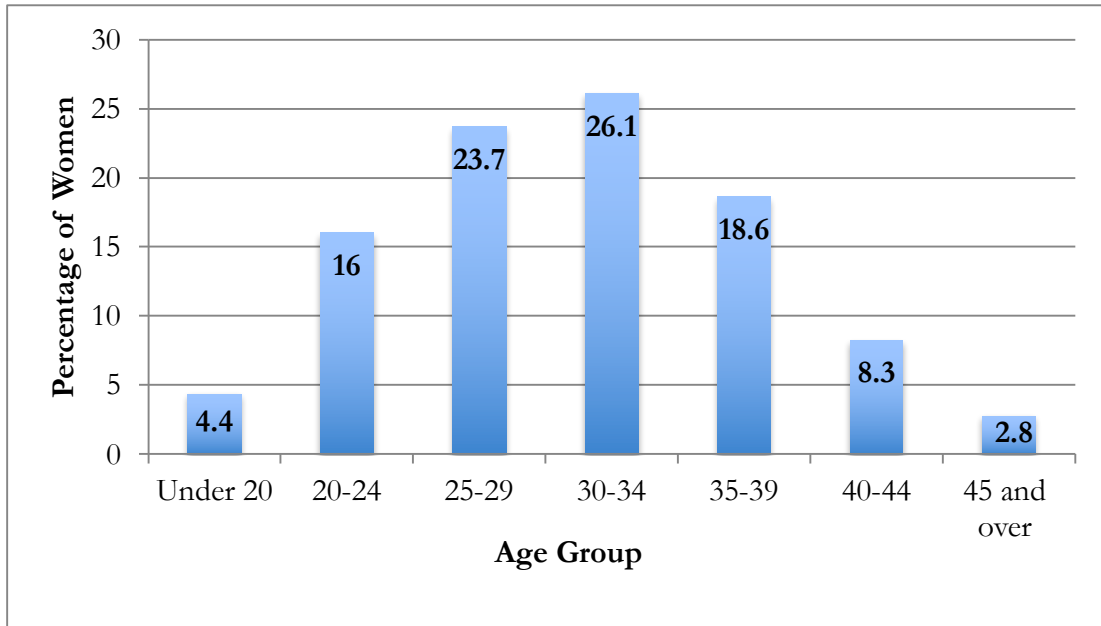


Exhibit 2: Irish and Northern Irish women traveling to England and Wales to access abortion services (2002-2016)



SECTION 2: WHO ACCESSES ABORTION IN IRELAND?

Exhibits 3A and 3B: Characteristics of women accessing early medication abortion through Women on Web (2010-2015). N=5,650



SECTION 3: WHY DO IRISH WOMEN NEED ABORTIONS?

Exhibit 4: Pregnancy circumstances among women accessing early medication abortion through Women on Web (2010-2015). N=5,650

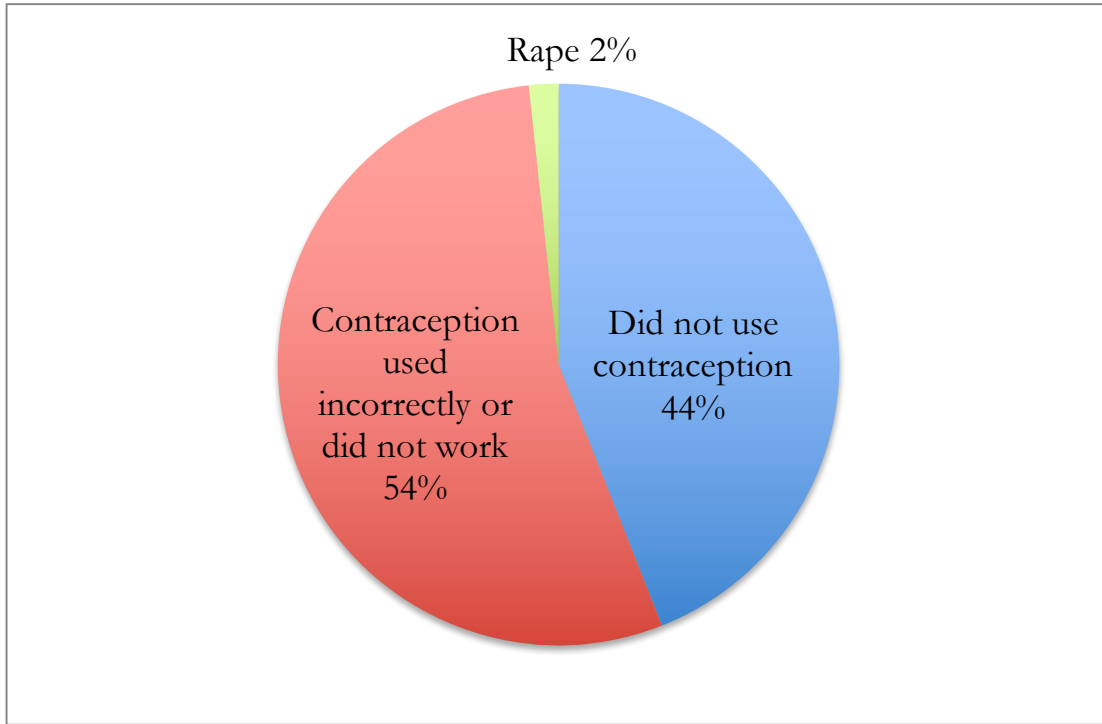
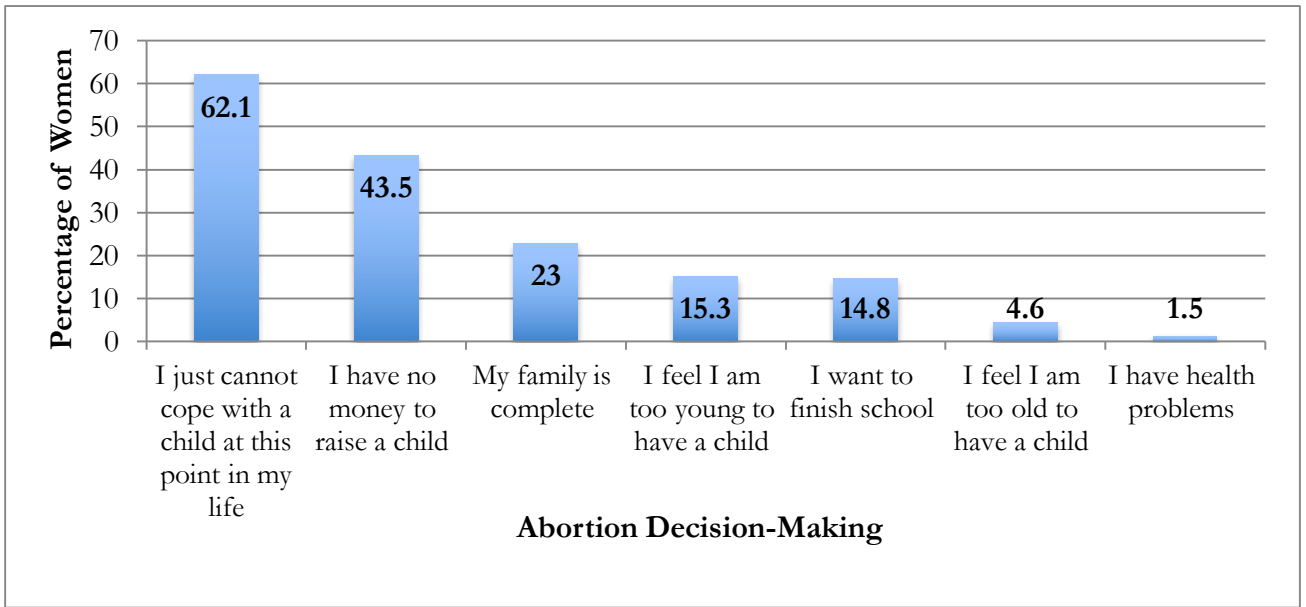


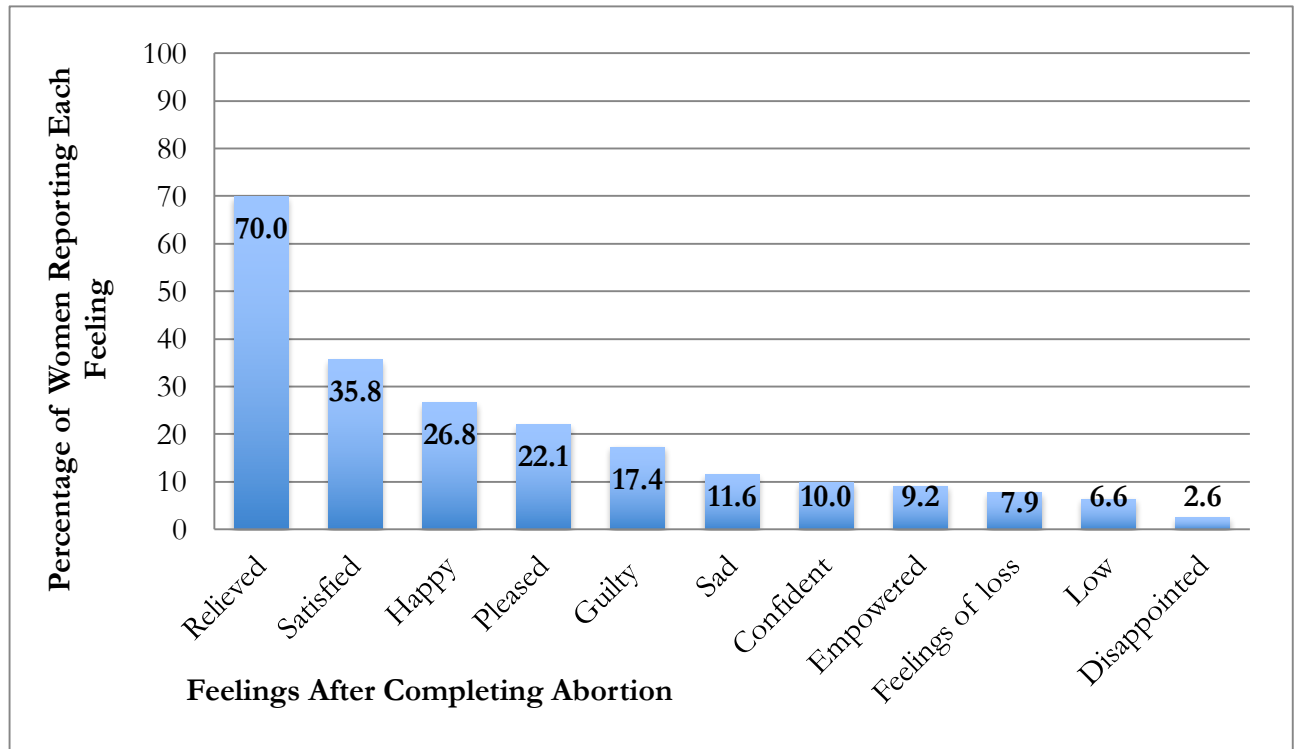
Exhibit 5: Reasons for abortion among women accessing early medication abortion through Women on Web (2010-2015). N=5,650



Percentages do not sum to 100% because women could report more than one reason.

SECTION 4: WHAT ARE IRISH WOMEN'S EXPERIENCES ACCESSING ABORTION?

Exhibit 6: Feelings after abortion among women accessing early medication abortion through Women on Web (2010-2012). N=1,000



Percentages do not sum to 100% because women could report more than one feeling.

SECTION 5: IS AT-HOME MEDICATION ABORTION SAFE?

Exhibit 7: Effectiveness of early medication abortion provided through online telemedicine by Women on Web (2010-2012). N=1,000

Abortion Outcome	Percent (Frequency) [95% CI]
Pregnancy	
No longer pregnant	99.2 (992) [98.4 to 99.7]
Surgical Intervention	
Reported a surgical intervention (D&E or VA)	4.5 (45) [3.3 to 6.0]
Successful Medication Abortion	
No longer pregnant and no surgical intervention	94.7 (947) [93.1 to 96.0]

Exhibit 8: Treatment for adverse events following early medication abortion provided through online telemedicine by Women on Web (2010-2012). N=987

Treatment	Percent (Frequency) [95% CI]
Antibiotics	2.6 (26) [1.7 to 3.8]
Blood Transfusion	0.7 (7) [0.3 to 1.5]
Death	0.0 (0) [0.0 to 0.4]
Any adverse event	3.1 (31) [2.1 to 4.4]

ARTICLES CITED

All data presented above are included in full in the following peer-reviewed journal articles and government data sources.

Exhibit 1 and Exhibits 3A-6:

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Exhibit 2:

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Exhibits 7 and 8:

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