

# Inquiry into abortion law on disabled babies

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MPs and peers are to investigate whether too many disabled babies are being terminated under current abortion laws.

A cross-party commission will seek to "establish whether there is room for a review of this legislation bearing in mind both medical advances and advances in our attitudes to disability over recent years", Fiona Bruce, the Tory MP who will chair the inquiry, said yesterday.

It will review how the law works and how the legislation could be developed in the future.

At present, an abortion can take place as late as necessary if tests indicate that the child may be disabled when born.

There is a legal limit of 24 weeks for abortions on other grounds.

The inquiry will also assess whether the differentiation between abortion on the grounds of disability and non-disability is discriminatory following the passing of the

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