

choose" in fact means that doctors and other medical personnel should have no choice at all in the matter.

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Supervising abortions

SIR - Max Pemberton (Health, Telegraph.co.uk, December 22) is right to be concerned about the Supreme Court decision that denied two Glasgow midwives the right to exercise their freedom of conscience, which is enshrined in the 1967 Abortion Act, by opting out of supervising other members of staff caring for women who are undergoing abortions.

This case also casts doubt on the rights of doctors not to be involved in the referral process. Some advocates of abortion argue that doctors with conscientious objections should nevertheless refer women to doctors with no such objections. This suggests that the "right to

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