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UK will pay \$1.3 billion to fund abortions and contraception around the world

LONDON, England, July 17, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) – England used last week’s “Family Planning Summit” to announce it is increasing tax dollars for abortions around the world.

The United Kingdom has committed more than one billion pounds (\$1.309 billion) in the next five years for global “family planning,” the politically correct euphemism for abortion and contraception. But International Development Secretary Priti Patel acknowledged the tax funds would pay for “safe abortions.”

Patel said her government’s spending to terminate fetuses the world over will be £225 million a year for the next five years, an increase of £45 million a year.

The British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) also has acknowledged that “‘Family planning’ is contraception and abortion.”

The UK government is ignoring the sentiments of its citizens. A recent ComRes poll showed 65 percent do not want their taxes used for abortions overseas.

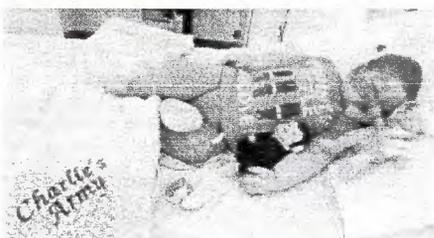
The Family Planning Summit was hosted by Patel representing England’s Department of International Development, Melinda Gates representing the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, and Natalia Kanem representing the United Nations Population Fund.

England is the second largest supporter of abortion in the world. In the past five years, Britain has given Marie Stopes International alone £163.01 million.

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U.S. doctor examines baby Charlie Gard in hopes of saving his life



LONDON, England, July 17, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) – An American doctor who previously testified that Charlie Gard’s chances of improvement are up to 50 percent is examining the 11-month-old today and tomorrow. The doctor’s name wasn’t made public at first, but then the Associated Press revealed his name is Dr. Michio Hirano of Columbia University.

Dr. Hirano is board-certified in Neuromuscular Medicine and Neurology. He’s the medical director of two laboratories and a professor at Columbia University. Dr. Hirano is affiliated with New York-Presbyterian Hospital, where Columbia’s medical center is.

The Columbia University Department of Neurology

is one of the world’s leading institutions researching mitochondrial diseases. Charlie Gard has a rare mitochondrial disease.

According to Columbia University Medical Center’s website, Dr. Hirano has been named one of America’s Best Doctors, was elected a member of the American Neurological Association, and was elected a Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology.

Charlie’s parents have raised more than \$1.5 million to bring him to the U.S. for experimental treatment. But English and European courts have ruled they don’t have the right to take their son from the hospital for treatment elsewhere and that the hospital can decide to remove his ventilator instead.

The judge will examine Dr. Hirano’s findings and likely make a decision by or around July 25.

POLAND

Polish pro-lifer requires surgery after attack outside Warsaw hospital

WARSAW, Poland, July 10, 2017 (LifeSiteNews) – A young woman and a man injured two pro-lifers and damaged a pro-life display in an attack outside a hospital performing abortions in Warsaw.

One of the pro-life activists was battered and the other was hospitalized and underwent surgery.

The Right to Life Foundation website reported that on July 7 the two assailants defaced pro-life posters displayed on a truck in the Orłowski Hospital parking lot. The two pro-lifers, identified as Artur and Dawid, were keeping an eye on the mobile exhibit when they saw a woman spraying the posters. When confronted, the woman’s companion, a young man, punched Artur. The pro-lifers pepper-sprayed the assailants in self-defense and made a citizen’s arrest until police arrived.

During the struggle, Dawid’s ankle was sprained and his arm required immediate surgery and several days of hospitalization. He told LifeSiteNews that he feels good and awaits a doctor’s decision on when he can go home. He thanked all those who offered support and prayers.

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From: Live Action

‘Miracle’ baby Austin, born at 22 weeks, is one of Britain’s smallest surviving preemies

By Nancy Flanders | June 30, 2017, 09:35am

Baby boy Austin Douglas weighed just one pound, four ounces when he was born at 22 weeks gestation on March 31, 2017. Doctors had little hope that Austin would survive, but after weeks in the hospital in Britain, he is doing so well that doctors expect him to be able to go home in July with his parents Rhys and Helen.

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Austin’s mother Helen Douglas went into premature labor. By the time she arrived at the hospital, she was fully dilated, and there wasn’t anything doctors could do to stop the labor.

Austin still has a long way to go, but his life is a testimony to the fact that preborn children are living human beings.

Believing that we should be able to kill a child because he hasn’t reached the predetermined age of 24 weeks gestation doesn’t make any sense when you see a child like Austin. Abortion is completely legal before the 24th week of pregnancy in the United Kingdom.

AUSTRALIA

From: The Catholic Leader

Triple suicide on Gold Coast prompts euthanasia concerns – July 12, 2017 By Mark Bowling



Euthanasia push: With the push to legalise euthanasia gaining momentum in states across Australia, it’s a chilling end-of-life strategy, with grave implications according to Catholic ethicists. Photo: CNS

It happened in our midst – an apparent planned and researched triple suicide on the Gold Coast.

With the push to legalise euthanasia gaining momentum in states across Australia, it’s a chilling end-of-life strategy, with grave implications according to Catholic ethicists.

On June 27, mother Margaret Cummins, 78, and her daughters Wynette and Heather, aged 53 and 54, took their own lives in a luxury residential apartment on Ephraim Island.

Police reported the husband of one of the daughters found the women dead after returning to the apartment.

He was understandably upset, but not surprised at the discovery.

The women were followers of controversial euthanasia advocate Dr Philip Nitschke’s group Exit International, having joined the pro-euthanasia group about six months ago.

Dr Nitschke, the man known as Dr Death, confirmed from Amsterdam that he didn’t know them personally, but they had subscribed to the group’s online Peaceful Pill eHandbook, which provides research and information on voluntary euthanasia and assisted suicide.

The handbook includes practical information about end-of-life strategies such as over-the-counter and prescription drugs, gases and poisons.

Each of the women involved was said to have had a diminished quality of life recently.

Wynette suffered brain cancer in the 1980s, and Margaret reportedly suffered dementia.