

Mothers' Union Social Policy – Winchester digest

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The full Faith and Policy Watch can be found at <http://www.mothersunion.org/content/faith-policy-watch>. The December issue included a summary of the government's Autumn Statement.

My best wishes to you all for a happy and healthy 2015

Bye Buy Childhood

Consultation re reform of the Offences Against the Person Act 1861

Please see separate document [cp217_offences_against_the_person jan] from the Law Commission that seeks views on whether, inter alia, there should be a specific offence in law of domestic violence. Closing date February 11th and further information can be found at

http://lawcommission.justice.gov.uk/consultations/offences_against_the_person.htm

A reflection concerning abortion

The pro-life charity Life alerted me to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) 2012-13 annual report: they generated £24.6 million specifically from: '*termination of pregnancy advice treatment and care*', which cost them £22.5 million. As a result they are able to record that: '*The charity's financial health is sound*'. A very high proportion of this work is for the NHS and includes the pre-abortion 'counselling'. Their strategy for 2014-15 is to increase the proportion of abortions in the UK that BPAS provides.

This means that a large proportion of the pre-abortion 'counselling' is provided by those whose vested interest is to perform abortions.

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