

Statutory Document No. 2019/0216



Abortion Reform Act 2019

ACCESS TO ABORTION SERVICES (NOBLE'S HOSPITAL ACCESS ZONE) ORDER 2019

Approved by Tynwald:

Coming into Operation:

24 May 2019

The Department of Health and Social Care makes the following Order under sections 19 and 22 of the Abortion Reform Act 2019.

1 Title

This Order is the Access to Abortion Services (Noble's Hospital Access Zone) Order 2019.

2 Commencement

If approved by Tynwald, this Order comes into operation on 24 May 2019¹.

3 Interpretation

In this Order—

“**highway**” means a highway, carriageway, footpath or footway for the purposes of the Highways Act 1986; and

“**the order map**” means the map entitled “Noble’s Hospital Access Zone” in the Schedule.

4 Access Zone – Noble’s Hospital

For the purpose of facilitating access to abortion services, an access zone for Noble’s Hospital, Strang, Braddan, IM4 4RJ is established on the order map as—

- (a) the parcel of land shown in green being the land upon which Noble’s Hospital stands; and
- (b) the land comprised in the public highways shown in red, being highways within 100 metres of the boundary of the land upon which Noble’s Hospital stands.

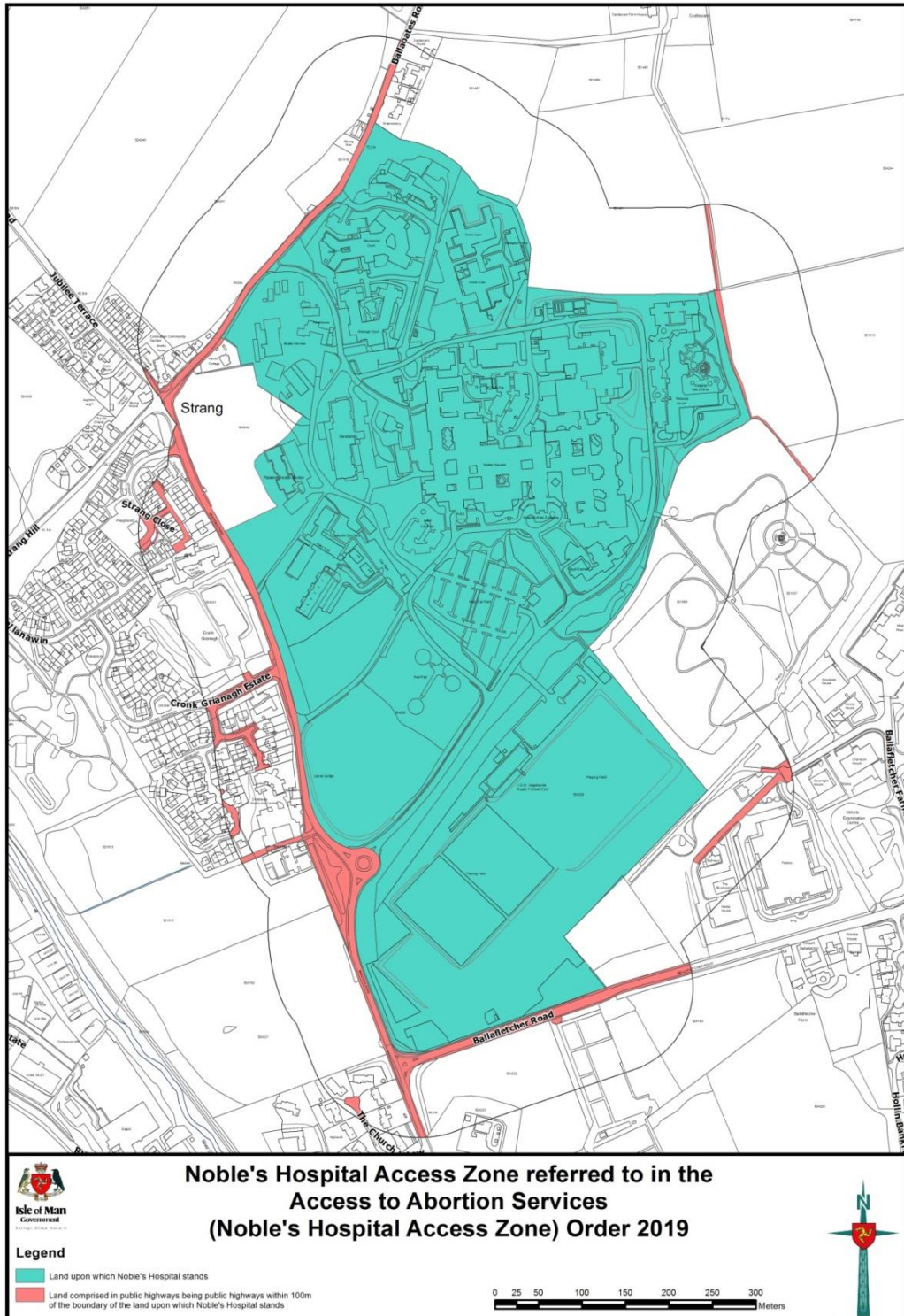
¹ Tynwald approval is required by section 19(1) of the Abortion Reform Act 2019.

MADE 12 APRIL 2019

DAVID ASHFORD
Minister for Health and Social Care

SCHEDULE

NOBLE'S HOSPITAL ACCESS ZONE



EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order creates an access zone for Noble's Hospital for the purpose of facilitating access to abortion services.

Part 3 of the Abortion Reform Act 2019 ("the Act") makes provision with regard to access zones for abortion services.

Section 19(1) of the Act provides that, for the purpose of facilitating access to abortion services, the Department of Health and Social Care may by order establish an access zone for any national health service hospital in which abortion services may be provided under Part 2 (provision of abortion services) of the Act.

Section 22 of the Act provides that an access zone established under section 19 includes the land on which the hospital stands and public highways within a distance of the boundary of the hospital site, that does not exceed 100 metres.

Whilst in an access zone it is an offence for a person, having been warned not to do so by a constable, to undertake any of the activities listed in section 23(1) of the Act. For example, section 23(1)(a) provides that it is an offence for a person to engage in pavement interference whilst in an access zone, after having been warned not to do so by a constable.

Section 24 creates further offences in relation to access zones. For example, section 24(3) of the Act makes it an offence for a person, having been warned not to do so by a constable, for the purpose of dissuading a provider of abortion services from providing abortion services, to repeatedly communicate with a person who is in an access zone without the person's consent.

Section 25 of the Act provides that on application by the Attorney General, the High Court may grant an injunction to restrain a person from contravening a provision of Part 3 of the Act.