## Comment on 'The policing of abortion services in England': author's response

I write in response to Dr Phillips' letter to the editor<sup>1</sup> that comments on my article<sup>2</sup> in the April 2013 issue of this Journal.

Despite any criticism of the system regulating abortion from a health care and patient safety point of view, of course clinicians must conduct themselves in accordance with case law, primary legislation, secondary legislation, Department of Health directives and guidance from their professional bodies.

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