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The Demographic Impact of Legally Induced Abortion after 40 Years in Great Britain

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ABSTRACT The 1967 Abortion Act took effect in Great Britain in April 1968. It has opened the way for legally induced abortions on a larger scale than anticipated. After 40 Years it is possible to draw on the accumulation of British data to make some assessment of the impact in quantitative terms. The fortieth anniversary of the 1967 Abortion Act in Great Britain is also an opportunity to take stock of what has been the impact on society of legally induced abortions.