

Abortions of Disabled Unborn Babies Rising Dramatically

Abortions performed on disabled unborn babies in the United Kingdom increased by 17 percent last year, new figures reveal.

The news comes as a group of MPs and Peers have called for Parliament to review the law on **abortion** for disabled babies because they say it is outdated and could be discriminatory. The parliamentary commission, chaired by Fiona Bruce, published a report that outlines views that the law is essentially eugenics, which is eliminating undesirable characteristics from society.

The group has called for Parliament to review the question of allowing **abortion** on the grounds of the baby being handicapped, given the changes to social attitudes on disability over recent years. At the moment, doctors can approve **abortions** up to full term if they think there is a "substantial risk" the child will be seriously handicapped.

Last year, around 2,700 babies were aborted for this reason.

The commission say parents are being pushed into having an **abortion** if their baby is disabled, in some cases for conditions that could be dealt with after birth, such as a club foot or cleft lip. The 2012 **abortion** statistics for England and Wales show that, in total, 185,122 abortions were carried out last year.