Book Review of *Abortion and Public Policy*

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White Paper proposes to change this system to a health service where 90% of the population will be eligible to attend the doctor of their choice, and payment will be by capitation. The lack of guaranteed income must be very discouraging to any young doctor training abroad before returning home.

These are just some facets of a very serious problem, which begins at student level and continues to the stage where the public may find itself short of the family doctor who is the backbone of medical service. This would be particularly true in the thinly populated areas in the south and west of the country.

In general, progress is reported in the field of marriage guidance clinics and sex education lectures to school drop-outs—most necessary because of the high emigration rate. These are just some facets of a problem which has already reached proportions quite unusual in Ireland.

In the next section we will see how medical indications for abortion are no longer considered valid, since improved medical care permits the giving of expectant mothers a better prognosis than would otherwise be the case. The high proportion of Irish doctors in Britain have already considered this difficulty with the prescribing of the pill. This can only add to the problem. However no doubt our English colleagues are well aware of this and will take appropriate action.

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