

To Whom it may concern

I am writing as Chair of the International Committee of the Faculty of Sexual and Reproductive Healthcare (FSRH) in support of improved access to emergency contraception in Japan. The FSRH believes emergency contraception is an essential part of sexual and reproductive healthcare and that individuals, including under-18s, must have full access to free emergency contraception at time and place of need without harassment or stigma. This is reflected in our position statement on emergency contraception in the UK.

<https://www.fsrh.org/policy-and-media/fsrh-position-statements/fsrh-position-on-emergency-contraception/>

In a joint statement with the RCOG regarding access to sexual and reproductive healthcare during the COVID-19 pandemic the FSRH calls on all governments to 'ensure access to contraception including emergency contraception, through authorising telehealth consultations and provision of emergency contraception over the counter in pharmacies without a prescription' in order to mitigate the risks associated with COVID-19 to the sexual and reproductive health and rights of their population.

<https://www.fsrh.org/policy-and-media/fsrh-position-statements/fsrh-rcog-position-statement-international-srhr-covid19/>

We therefore support the proposals of Pilcon for improved access to emergency contraception.

Yours faithfully

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