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Northern Ireland's prosecutors have defended their decision to pursue a case against a woman who took abortion pills.

On Monday the 21-year-old woman was given a three-month suspended sentence at Belfast crown court in what is believed to be one of the first cases of its kind to be fully prosecuted.

The woman, who was 19 at the time, was unable to raise the money to travel to England for a legal abortion so she ordered mifepristone and misoprostol, pills that induce miscarriage, online. Her housemates reported her to police after they discovered a foetus and bloodstained items in a

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