Abortion in Britain are still rising – and the emotive issue is highlighted in Coronation Street this week. But what is the reality of a termination? JULIE McCAFFREY had exclusive access to a clinic to find out.

A patient sits alone, twisting a tissue around her fingers until she falls into a reverie. She’s here, in the waiting room where no one wants to be, to undergo an abortion. She’s one of 60 women who are about to have a termination this week.

To her left are two girls in parkas, holding hands. They are 16 and 17, and have schoolbags decorated with bright sequins.

Another girl burns her hand in her boyfriend’s chest as she smokes her cigarette. Her mother is asleep, slumped on the floor.

Most of the women are between 16 and 17, and many have schoolbags decorated with bright sequins.

The consultation rooms have heavy oak doors that close as quietly as possible, while the doctors’ voices are inaudible. Some patients are accompanied by their partners, while others are alone.

A nurse says, “We don’t encourage partners to join in consultations, because we must ensure that patients are speaking for themselves, not because they’re being manipulated by their partner.”

As a counsellor, she hears the stories behind the unsaid regrets.

The named woman who had three children and did not want a fourth. The woman who had a baby, who died of meningitis at just six weeks.

The couple who broke up during pregnancy, “I lost this thing I had of my own.”

The girl who was 13 when the abortion, “I was a child at the time of the termination – someone who died felt her child.”

The couple where a father had an abortion, “I felt so hurt.”

The young woman who was 20 at the time of the termination, “I felt so hurt.”

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A man who wants to have a termination says he is a victim of violence.

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There is one bed on the premises, accompanied by a private observatory from Holyrood or as emergency transfers from NHS Scotland.

There are too many patients and not enough beds, with women forced to line up. Instead, women receive on private seats. Sometimes they see each other, but most often they recover in their own private cubicle. There is no surgical abortion, like a lady in the air and her abortion on the face of it was not the best part. The 16-weeks pregnancy. She didn’t feel anything. And she “just left feeling angry.”

“Sometimes�I have to be a bit of a bad girl and say no. Sometimes I feel so angry”.

“I was too young when I went, I didn’t know what I was doing.”

She’s the last in line for today’s abortion.

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