

Freedom of Information Request: 1612 2021/22

The Trust does hold all the information you have requested but we are withholding some of it for the following reasons:

Section 40 – Personal Information

Section 40 (2) of the Freedom of Information Act (2000) allows public authorities to withhold personal data where it is protected under the Data Protection Act. “Personal data” means any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual.

Despite grouping the months as suggested in the note at the end of the request, some combined months still produce a result of less than 5 patients. We have therefore withheld the exact number of patients where this is 5 or less (replaced with the ‘≤5’ symbol), as this could be potentially identifiable and as such is protected from disclosure by Section 40 (2) of the FOI Act.

Where the figures are not low enough to be identifiable, we have provided the response by month as requested.

- 1. How many women presented to hospitals within of your Trust with Retained Products of Conception (RPOC) after medically induced abortion [also known as induced miscarriage or termination of pregnancy] for the 24 months starting 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021, and how many of them required evacuation of retained products (ERPC), [sometimes referred to as surgical management of miscarriage, SMM]. If possible, please can this information be broken down per month?**

NB. I do not require spontaneous abortion or miscarriage data

RPOC:

	Month	Year		
		2019	2020	2021
(RPOC) after medically induced abortion	January		24	19
	February		20	19
	March		9	24
	April		20	29
	May		19	35
	June	22	32	
	July	19	34	
	August	20	12	
	September	13	8	
	October	24	26	
	November	25	19	
	December	10	22	

ERPC:

Required evacuation of retained products (ERPC)	Months:	
	June – August 2019	10
	September – November 2019	9
	December 2019 – February 2020	12
	March – May 2020	7
	June – August 2020	≤5
	September – November 2020	≤5
	December 2020 – February 2021	9
	March – May 2021	19

2. Please tell us the threshold volume of bleeding required for coding and reporting of haemorrhage at your hospitals

We don't have a threshold volume of bleeding relating to a medical termination of pregnancy.

3. And how many women have been treated within your hospitals with haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion (also known as induced miscarriage or termination of pregnancy) for each month over a 24 months period starting 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021.

Haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion	Months:	
	June – August 2019	18
	September – November 2019	19
	December 2019 – February 2020	10
	March – May 2020	≤5
	June – August 2020	13
	September – November 2020	21
	December 2020 – February 2021	23
	March 2021	11
	April 2021	16
	May 2021	24

NB.

- If the second question goes over the 18 hour limit please ignore it and answer the first.

- In the event of patient numbers being less than 5 in a particular month, please can I have the total number of patients in each three-month quarter for the period 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021: 01 June to 31 August, 01 September to 30 November, 01 December to 28(29) February and 01 March to 31 May