

FOI REF: 21/362

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Dear Mr Evans

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT

I am responding to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act. The answers to your specific questions are as follows:

- 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

Please see the table below for the number of women that presented to East Sussex Healthcare NHS Trust's hospitals with RPOC and the number that required ERPC, broken down by quarter:

Quarter	Incomplete Medical Abortions	ERPC
Jun-19 - Aug-19	17	12
Sep-19 - Nov-19	11	3
Dec-19 - Feb-20	16	11
Mar-20 - May-20	18	12
Jun-20 - Aug-20	11	6
Sep-20 - Nov-20	8	3
Dec-20 - Feb-21	10	6
Mar-21 - May-21	9	7
Total	100	60

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

Please see the table below for the number of women treated within the Trust's hospitals with haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion, broken down by quarter:

Quarter	Incomplete Medical Abortions; complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
Jun-19 - Aug-19	1
Sep-19 - Nov-19	2
Dec-19 - Feb-20	2
Mar-20 - May-20	3
Jun-20 - Aug-20	5
Sep-20 - Nov-20	3
Dec-20 - Feb-21	3
Mar-21 - May-21	2
Total	21

There is no threshold volume of bleeding required.

NB.

- 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.

Please see the tables above, broken down by quarter.

If I can be of any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Should you be dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your request, please write to the Freedom of Information Department (esh-tr.foi@nhs.net), quoting the above reference.

Yours sincerely

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