



Ref: FOIA Reference 2021/22-205

Date: 27th July 2021

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 8th July 2021 (received into our office 9th July) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Retained Products

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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

A1 We are unable to provide the information you require in the requested format as to release this data could lead to the identification of the person(s) involved due to the low numbers involved, and would breach the Trusts obligations under Data Protection Act 2018. Accordingly, this aspect of your request is exempt from disclosure under the terms of Section 40(2) of the FOI Act. *Personal information*. However as the Trust is committed to openness and transparency we can band the numbers as being <5
This exemption is an absolute exemption and therefore no consideration of the public interest test is needed. See below:

Date	Number of patients	Required evacuation?
01 Jun to 31 Aug 2019	0	0
01 Sept to 30 Nov 2019	<5	0
01 Dec to 29 Feb 2020	<5	0
01 Mar to 31 May 2020	<5	<5
01 Jun to 31 Aug 2020	<5	0
01 Sep to 30 Nov 2020	<5	<5
01 Dec to 28 Feb 2021	<5	<5
01 Mar to 31 May 2021	<5	0

Q2 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.

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.

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Date	Number of patients
01 Jun to 31 Aug 2019	5
01 Sept to 30 Nov 2019	<5
01 Dec to 29 Feb 2020	7
01 Mar to 31 May 2020	<5
01 Jun to 31 Aug 2020	<5
01 Sep to 30 Nov 2020	6
01 Dec to 28 Feb 2021	9
01 Mar to 31 May 2021	10

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

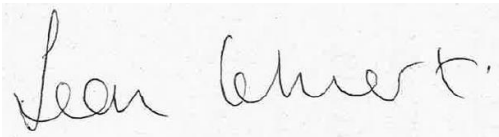
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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