



Ref: FOIA Reference 2024/25-068

Date: 3rd June 2024

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear Sir/ Madam

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 25th April 2024 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding abortion complications.

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 Please provide the total number of patients in which their treatment was coded as 'Pregnancy with abortive outcome' using one of the following ranges: O030-O39 Spontaneous abortion, O040-O049 Medical abortion, or O070-O079 Failed attempted abortion – I have included a full set of the required ICD-10 codes at the bottom of this request.

For each individual code, as noted below, I would like the totals for each twelve-months period from 01 January 2017 to 31 December 2023. My preference is the totals in each calendar year, Jan-Dec, but understand if you are only able to provide this in your chosen financial years, e.g., April – March, in which case from 01 April 2016 to 31 March 2024.

I would like receive the data in an Excel format, if that is possible please.

ICD-10 codes to be included:

O030: spontaneous abortion - incomplete, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection

O031: spontaneous abortion - incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage

O032: spontaneous abortion - incomplete, complicated by embolism

O033: spontaneous abortion - incomplete, with other and unspecified complications

O034: spontaneous abortion - incomplete, without complication

O035: spontaneous abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection

O036: spontaneous abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
O037: spontaneous abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by embolism
O038: spontaneous abortion - complete or unspecified, with other and unspecified complications
O039: spontaneous abortion - complete or unspecified, without complication
O040: medical abortion - incomplete, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection
O041: medical abortion - incomplete, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
O042: medical abortion - incomplete, complicated by embolism
O043: medical abortion - incomplete, with other and unspecified complications
O044: medical abortion - incomplete, without complication
O045: medical abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection
O046: medical abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
O047: medical abortion - complete or unspecified, complicated by embolism
O048: medical abortion - complete or unspecified, with other and unspecified complication
O049: medical abortion - complete or unspecified, without complication
O070: failed medical abortion, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection
O071: failed medical abortion, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
O072: failed medical abortion, complicated by embolism
O073: failed medical abortion, with other and unspecified complications
O074: failed medical abortion, without complication
O075: other and unspecified failed attempted abortion, complicated by genital tract and pelvic infection
O076: other and unspecified failed attempted abortion, complicated by delayed or excessive haemorrhage
O077: other and unspecified failed attempted abortion, complicated by embolism
O078: other and unspecified failed attempted abortion, with other and unspecified complications
O079: other and unspecified failed attempted abortion, without complication

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 attached

*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.

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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.

Yours,



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