

Freedom of Information Request

Ref: 21-377

2 August 2021

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trust's response is as follows:

- We can confirm that we hold some the information you are requesting

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

Month

Month	No of Patients
Jun-19	12
Jul-19	6
Aug-19	*
Sep-19	12
Oct-19	8
Nov-19	11
Dec-19	12
Jan-20	7
Feb-20	8
Mar-20	9
Apr-20	8
May-20	6
Jun-20	9
Jul-20	6
Aug-20	7
Sep-20	6

Oct-20	*
Nov-20	10
Dec-20	6
Jan-21	9
Feb-21	8
Mar-21	6
Apr-21	6
May-21	*

Of the women presenting with RPOC, 70% of them required evacuation of retained product (ERPC)

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.

Minor haemorrhage:	Blood loss of 500mls – 1000mls
Moderate haemorrhage:	Blood loss of 1000mls – 1500mls (no on-going loss, cvs stable)
Major haemorrhage:	blood loss of over 1500mls with ongoing loss and/or signs of circulatory collapse

Our response cannot be provided by month, there were 81 patients in total with average of 4 per month.

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Director of Corporate Governance
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
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Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

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Yours sincerely

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