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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to medical abortion complications.

You asked:

These complications, as recorded on HSA4 form include a) sepsis, b) haemorrhage, and c) uterine perforation.

- 1. Please can you tell me the number of women your hospital has treated with each of these complications between Jan 1st and December 1st this year?*
- 2. Please can you also tell me how many women you treated in your hospitals between Jan 1st and December 1st of this year, for incomplete abortion or RPOC, specifying the number requiring Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception (ERPC) as well?*

NB. This should include the treatment of women who may have received abortion pills from independent abortion providers before attending your hospital, as well as those who may have been prescribed abortion pills by your hospital (or hospitals within your trust).

If it complies within the FOI limitations (e.g. 18 hour time limit, cost, privacy etc.) please also specify the following:

- a. What their complication was*
- b. Whether they required a blood transfusion*
- c. Whether they required antibiotics*

We understand that some of these will be due to spontaneous abortion and others by medical induced abortion. Unless clearly stated you need not distinguish between them.

We also understand that most cases of sepsis and haemorrhage will not be formally connected with abortion, however where the possibility of a medical abortion cannot be ruled out we ask that you include this data.

Trust response:

Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells NHS Trust do not carry out social terminations.

We are unable to ascertain where the patients were referred from and what complications they were without going through individual patient notes. The Trust has estimated that it will cost more than the appropriate limit to consider this part of your request. The appropriate limit is specified in regulations and represents the estimated cost of one person spending 3½ working days in determining whether the Trust holds the information, locating, retrieving and extracting the information. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 the Trust is not obliged to comply with this part of your request and we will not be processing this part of your request further.