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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 Retained Products of Conception (RPOC).

*You asked:*

*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*

*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.*

*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.*

Trust response:

<b>Q1</b>	<b>2019: 06- 08</b>	<b>2019: 09- 11</b>	<b>2019:12- 2020: 02</b>	<b>2020: 03- 05</b>	<b>2020: 06- 08</b>	<b>2020: 09- 11</b>	<b>2020:12- 2021: 02</b>	<b>2021: 03- 05</b>
RPOC	14	9	13	10	6	13	19	12
RPOC with ERPC	12	6	11	6	2	9	12	11

<b>Q2</b>	<b>2019: 06-08</b>	<b>2019: 09-11</b>	<b>2019:12- 2020:02</b>	<b>2020: 03- 05</b>	<b>2020: 06-08</b>	<b>2020: 09-11</b>	<b>2020:12- 2021: 02</b>	<b>2021: 03- 05</b>
medically induced abortion + haemorrhage	12	6	11	4	0	2	7	3

The threshold of bleeding post medically induced abortion is a clinical decision on an individual basis.