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Abortions / Terminations of Pregnancy

- **How many abortions/terminations of pregnancy have been performed in the Trust since October 2019?**
- **How many abortions/terminations of pregnancy have been performed before the gestation of 10 weeks and 6 days? Please give a breakdown by method of termination and location.**
- **How many abortions/terminations of pregnancy have been performed after the gestation of 10 weeks and 6 days? Please give a breakdown by method of termination, trimester/stage of pregnancy and location.**
- **Are reasons recorded as to why the abortion/termination of pregnancy is being sought?**
- **What are the reasons recorded for the abortions/terminations of pregnancy performed?**
- **What demographic data is being collected on the women requesting abortion/termination of pregnancy, for the purposes of informing service delivery and future policy development? Please provide this data.**
- **What demographic data is being collected on the embryo/foetus being aborted, for the purposes of informing service delivery and future policy development? Please provide this data.**
- **In circumstances of a maternal diagnosis of a medical/health condition where abortion/termination of pregnancy may be offered, what is the protocol in the Trust regarding available options and pathways of care; in pregnancy, during and post birth and pre and post abortion/termination of pregnancy?**
- **In circumstances of a foetal diagnosis of a medical/health condition where abortion/termination of pregnancy may be offered, what is the protocol in the Trust regarding available options and pathways of care; pre-birth, during and post birth and pre and post abortion/termination of pregnancy?**
- **How many abortions have included the procedure whereby the life of the foetus is ended, using potassium chloride or some other chemical, before labour is induced?**
- **Is it the policy of the Trust to administer pain relief to the foetus before such procedures as outlined above, and including evacuation/Dilation and Extraction are performed?**
- **What is the protocol in the Trust if a foetus is delivered/induced/born alive following an attempted abortion/termination of pregnancy/induction?**
- **What is the protocol in the Trust for the disposal of embryo/foetal remains post abortion/termination of pregnancy? Please give a breakdown by stage of gestation.**
- **What is the protocol in the Trust regarding parental involvement in how the embryo/foetal remains are disposed of? Please give a breakdown by stage of gestation.**
- **How many staff have raised a conscientious objection to taking part in abortion/termination of pregnancy procedures?**

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- **Is there any policy, written correspondence, minutes or guidance about the recruitment, promotion or participation of staff to any position who raise or register a conscientious objection to taking part in abortion/termination of pregnancy?**
- **Has a conscientious objection to taking part in abortion/termination of pregnancy formed part of any complaints or disciplinary proceedings against any member of staff since 2019?**
- **Is there any policy, written correspondence, minutes or guidance about the pastoral care available for staff who may be negatively impacted by abortion/termination of pregnancy?**
- **Please disclose any correspondence from (and response to) any individual or organisation who has contacted the Trust about the issue of abortion/termination of pregnancy and conscientious objection since 2019.**
- **Please disclose all policies, procedures, guidance and all other documentation issued to or by the Trust and relating to abortion/termination of pregnancy since 2019.**

Response

This information was not possible to attain within the timeframe. The request is too large and the information is not centrally held. The penultimate question alone would take more than 18 hours to complete.

To undertake this exercise would necessitate a manual interrogation of data which would involve a significant number of hours. This would exceed the costs limit specified in the FOI act. If you wish to consider refining your request you can send in a new request.

We estimate that compliance with this request for information would exceed the appropriate costs limit. Under Section 12 of the Freedom of Information 2000, the limit has been specified as £450 and represents the estimated cost of one or more persons spending 18 hours in determining whether we hold the information, locating, retrieving and extracting this information.