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Surgical Removal of Miscarriage

The number of surgical removals for a miscarriage under 20 weeks, known as Dilation and Evacuation, which took place in your health and social care trust in the past five years.

Year	Number Procedures
2020	98
2021	120
2022	183
2023	227
2024	223

The number of these surgeries which were sent for genetic testing

Belfast Health and Social Care Trust's Regional Molecular Diagnostics Service (RMDS) have reviewed the figures and on a yearly basis would receive on average 400 products of conception for genetic testing.

As the clinical details on gestation and whether surgical intervention was involved are not provided on such requests, RMDS would not be able to specify the actual number for this group requested';

It would otherwise take more than 18 hours in total for the referring clinical services to provide this information in full. Section 12 of the Freedom of Information Act makes provision for public authorities to refuse requests for information where the cost of dealing with them would exceed the appropriate limit, which is specified as 18 hours.