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Adverse incidents to the provision of abortion services

Details of all adverse incidents investigated by the Belfast Trust in relation to the provision of abortion services since such services became legally available

Please see a summary of incidents reported and investigated relating to service provision of abortion services, since abortion became legal.

Category Type	Number of Incidents
Admission/ Transfer/ Discharge	5
Communication	8
Documentation issues/ missing records	<5
Information Governance	6
Infrastructure or Resources (staffing, facilities, environment)	<5
Maternity	<5
Medication	<5
Radiology / Imaging	<5
Security of premises/ property/ data	<5
Treatment /Procedure	8
Violence/ Aggression/ Disruptive (NOT self harming) behaviour	139
Total	178

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low, <5. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

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