

Ref: FOI 203

20 December 2019

Dear Requestor

Request made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000

On 16 December 2019 you sent a request, made under the Freedom of Information Act, relating to medical/surgical abortion waiting times. I now provide this information as an attachment.

I trust that this is the information you require and that your request has been fully discharged.

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If you have queries about this response, please do not hesitate to contact me quoting the above reference number.

Yours sincerely

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NHS Dorset Clinical Commissioning Group

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The information which has been provided relates to termination of pregnancy service contracts with two nationwide charitable organisations. These service providers supply the CCG with monthly patient level activity records and this information has been used to calculate the average waiting times.

However, it has not been possible to include the following activity when calculating the average waiting times:

- A) That which takes place in the acute hospitals
- B) That which relates to one local non-acute NHS service provider with whom Dorset CCG has a specific abortion contract. This is because full details on activity were not available until September 2015.

The information provided below is in respect of 2014 and 2015 only as these are the time periods applicable to Dorset CCG.

Q1:

The average waiting time (in calendar days) for women who had an NHS-funded **medical** abortion in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 - from the date of their first referral appointment to (and including) the date of the procedure.

Response:

2014: 11.4

2015: 11.6

Q1:

The average waiting time (in calendar days) for women who had an NHS-funded **surgical** abortion in 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015 - from the date of their first referral appointment to (and including) the date of the procedure.

Response:

2014: 12.5

2015: 14.9