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**Freedom of Information Act 2000 – Request for Information**

Thank you for submitting a request for information which we received on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2021 in relation to County Durham and Darlington NHS Foundation Trust (the Trust). Your request has been processed under the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and I am now able to provide you with a response.

Your request was in relation to retained products of conception and I am providing the following information in response to your specific questions:

- 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**

Q1	Retained products of conception following medical abortion	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC
Jun-19	11	0
Jul-19	19	0
Aug-19	9	2
Sep-19	9	0
Oct-19	9	1
Nov-19	3	0
Dec-19	11	1
Jan-20	19	1
Feb-20	18	4

Q1	Retained products of conception following medical abortion	Evacuation of products of conception from uterus NEC
Mar-20	12	0
Apr-20	8	0
May-20	6	1
Jun-20	8	0
Jul-20	4	0
Aug-20	5	0
Sep-20	1	0
Oct-20	2	0
Nov-20	4	0
Dec-20	3	1
Jan-21	6	0
Feb-21	7	0
Mar-21	14	2
Apr-21	6	1
May-21	2	0

**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.

There is no “threshold volume of bleeding” the Trust operate within the Coding Standards. If it is diagnosed as being a haemorrhage complicating the abortion the Trust will code it, irrespective of the volume measured.

Q2	Haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion
Jun-19	7
Jul-19	9
Aug-19	1
Sep-19	0

Q2	Haemorrhage after starting a medically induced abortion
Oct-19	1
Nov-19	1
Dec-19	3
Jan-20	1
Feb-20	3
Mar-20	0
Apr-20	0
May-20	1
Jun-20	5
Jul-20	2
Aug-20	0
Sep-20	0
Oct-20	2
Nov-20	2
Dec-20	3
Jan-21	2
Feb-21	3
Mar-21	6
Apr-21	2
May-21	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>54</b>

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log on the Trust's website. However please be assured that we anonymise all responses prior to adding them to the disclosure log.

I hope that this response has provided you with the information you had requested. If you have any queries or wish to discuss the information supplied, please do not hesitate to contact me by telephone or in writing. If however, you are dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled and would like an internal review, you will need to contact me in writing at the above address or via [cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs](mailto:cdda-tr.cddftfoi@nhs).

If you remain dissatisfied with our response following an internal review you have the right to appeal to The Information Commissioner at Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF. More information is available on their website; [www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk).

Yours sincerely

**Corporate Records and Freedom of Information Facilitator**