

**Freedom of Information Act Disclosure log  
- Reply Extract**

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<b>Attachments</b>	No

**You asked**

1. a. **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,**

There were five or fewer patients presenting with retained products of conception (RPOC) after a medically induced abortion in the period 01 June 2019 to 31 May 2021. Please refer to the legal note below.

- b. **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**

The Trust does not hold the information

2. a. **Please tell us the threshold volume of bleeding required for coding and reporting of haemorrhage at your hospitals**

The Trust does not hold the information requested. A Consultant will decide that a haemorrhage was excessive, and it will be coded as such. They will be coded 0041 or 0046. We cannot differentiate between a surgical or medically induced abortions within our diagnostic coding. Where the patient commenced the procedure also affects our ability to report the information requested in 2b.

- b. **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.**

The Trust does not hold the information requested. See response to 2a.

**Legal notes**

University Hospitals Plymouth NHS Trust is confirming in accordance with section 1 (a) of the Act that it holds the information requested and is supplying it in accordance with section 1(b) unless otherwise specified because it is personal information.

Please find the answers to your questions noting that we have redacted the data set where numbers are five or fewer because it is highly sensitive data, and the number is low. Our approach avoids a breach of the first two Data Protection Act principles and the general right to object to processing, whilst providing you with as much detail as possible. This is in accordance with section 40.-(2)(a) and (b) by virtue of the first and second condition.

**Attachments included:** No