

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_72\_18**

### **You asked:**

- 1. How many abortion requests were made to Cwm Taf UHB in each of the last five calendar years?**

The Health Board has between 1200 and 1350 requests per year.

- 2. What was the average waiting time between a request for an abortion and the abortion being carried out in each of the last five calendar years?**

Please see the information requested, attached within a previous response that we have issued recently. This will be uploaded onto our Disclosure Log shortly. This being the case, the UHB has applied section 21 exemption to this element of your request "Information accessible to applicant by other means".

Please see attached response (CTHB\_13\_18).

- 3. For each of the last five calendar years, what was the longest waiting time between a request and an abortion being carried out, and what was the shortest waiting time between a request and an abortion being carried out?**

Please see response to question 2.

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### **You asked:**

- 1. For women seeking abortion, what is the average waiting time and longest waiting time (in days) from initial contact to consultation?**

Average wait is 7 – 10 days.

Longest waiting time is 14 days.

- 2. For women seeking abortion, what is the average waiting time and longest waiting time (in days) from consultation to treatment (medical or surgical abortion)?**

The majority of women who attend the clinic opt for a home procedure (if <10 weeks gestation) in which case, the treatment is commenced at the time of consultation.

For women booked for a late medical procedure in the hospital (>10 weeks gestation) the average time from consultation to treatment is 1 - 2 days.

The average wait for a surgical procedure would be 2 days, the longest waiting time being 10 days for a surgical procedure as we only have a list every 2 weeks.

- 3. Please also provide the average and longest waiting time for the years 2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013. Please provide the figures by year.**

We are unable to provide a response as you request. Please note that the longest waiting time from initial contact to consultation rarely exceeds 2 weeks. If we note that we are booking women for clinic in 3 weeks time, we tend to add an extra clinic before that time so women are never waiting as long as 3 weeks. This is our normal procedure and would apply to all of the above years. If women exceed this it is usually due to their own choice.