

## **Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTHB\_13\_18**

### **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.

- 4. Please state the number of women currently on a waiting list for an abortion.**

At present we have 40 women booked for clinic appointments.