

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_147_22

You asked:

Please may I request the following information:

- 1. What proportion (or number) of women presenting for a medical abortion took a) both pills at the clinic b) one pill at the clinic and one at home and c) both pills at home, for each of the past 5 years?**

All women had both Mifepristone and Misoprostol in a clinic setting until 2018.

In 2018, Welsh Government (WG) passed legislation so that women took the Mifepristone tablet in clinic, and took the Misoprostol tablets home to self-administer at their convenience.

In 2020, WG passed temporary legislation during the pandemic, for women to take both Mifepristone and Misoprostol home to self-administer at their convenience. This has now become a permanent change in practice in Wales.

- 2. How many a) ERPC (Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception) procedures and b) how many women presented with RPOC (Retained Products of Conception) for each of the past 5 years**

Unfortunately, we do not have accurate data for the past 5 years. We have adapted our audit tool to record all complications including RPOC since 2020. Unfortunately, not all women return to our service and may access A&E with RPOC, and if this results in an ERPC, we would not necessarily be informed of this.

Within our Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) Services, we gather information for any women we refer to A&E, and we follow up and record their outcomes accordingly.

However, we can confirm that during the years 2020 and 2021 6 women underwent an ERPC for RPOC following TOP.