

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_258_22

You asked:

We are looking to gather some data on abortion healthcare in your Health Board area:

- 1. (a) How many referrals have been made from your health board area to another health board area for patients to access a surgical abortion in the last 6 months?**

120.

- (b) To which health board(s) are patients referred to access a surgical abortion?**

Patient's are currently referred to the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) for surgical termination.

- 2. How many NHS clinics are there in your health board which provide the abortion pill currently?**

North of our Health Board area – there are 2 clinics weekly that see in total up to 45 patients per week.

South of our Health Board area – there is 1 clinic daily held in a neighbouring health board (via a Service Level Agreement (SLA) funding agreement).

- 3. What is the current average waiting period between a referral being made to access the abortion pill and that healthcare being provided in your health board area?**

The current average wait from time of referral to appointment for treatment is 5 working days.