

Freedom of Information Request: Our Reference CTMUHB_133_22

You asked:

- 1) How many 'pill by post' abortions were undertaken by your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**

Zero - Cwm Taf Morgannwg University Health Board (CTMUHB) has never posted Termination of Pregnancy (TOP) medication out to women from our Health Board area.

During the pandemic we set up a remote telemedicine service, so women underwent counselling and consultation via telephone / video call. The guidelines for this clinic have been attached for further information (attachments 1 and 2).

During the telephone consultation, women are assessed for their need for Ultrasound Scan (USS) prior to the procedure.

A large number of women require an USS to confirm pregnancy location and gestation prior to the home TOP procedure, and therefore need to attend a clinic appointment.

Women have continued to attend our clinics, even when an USS has not been indicated, in order to collect their TOP medication and contraceptive method of choice from our nurse practitioners.

The number of women who accessed our clinics and underwent a TOP at Home in CTMUHB are:

- 2019 - 1215
- 2020 - 1253
- 2021- 1478

- 2) How many women were recorded to be reporting medical problems attributed to 'pill by post' abortions undertaken by your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**
- 3) How many women required surgery following incomplete abortions to remove the baby's body parts or pregnancy tissue after 'pill by post' abortions in your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**
- 4) How many women required inpatient admission for treatment of medical problems attributed to 'pill by post' abortions in your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**
- 5) How many women died of medical problems attributed to 'pill by post' abortions in your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**
- 6) How many complaints were received from patients relating to the 'pill by post' abortion process in your Health Board during the years 2018, 2019, 2020 and 2021?**
- 7) What form of psychological aftercare is provided to women following 'pill by post' procedures by your Health Board?**

Questions 2 – 7 are not applicable. Please see response to question 1.

