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Corporate Services
Headquarters
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Dear [REDACTED]

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 18th December 2021. Your request sought information relating to abortion complications.

According to DHSC data there has only been 1 medical abortion complication recorded on HSA4 forms due to use of both abortion pills (mifepristone and misoprostol) at home between January and June 1010. These complications, as recorded on HSA4 form include a) sepsis, b) haemorrhage, and c) uterine perforation.

1. Please can you tell me the number of women your hospital has treated with each of these complications between Jan 1st and December 1st 2020?

Swansea Bay Health Board systems do not differentiate between early pregnancy complications in the general population and those who have accessed abortion care, therefore this information is not held centrally.

To obtain this information would involve a manual trawl and search of patient records which we have estimated would significantly exceed the 18 hours limit set down by the FOI Act as the reasonable limit. Section 12 of the FOI Act provides that we are not obliged to spend in excess of 18 hours in any sixty day period locating, retrieving and identifying information in order to deal with a request for information and therefore we are withholding this information at this time.



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2. Please can you also tell me how many women you treated in your hospitals between Jan 1st and December 1st of this year, for incomplete abortion or RPOC, specifying the number requiring Evacuation of Retained Products of Conception (ERPC) as well? NB. This should include the treatment of women who may have received abortion pills from independent abortion providers before attending your hospital, as well as those who may have been prescribed abortion pills by your hospital (or hospitals within of your trust).

Please see question 1.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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If after Internal Review you remain dissatisfied you are also entitled to refer the matter to the information commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office (Wales), 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone Number: 029 2067 8400.

Yours sincerely



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