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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding waiting times for women choosing to have an abortion within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/Response:

- The average length of waiting time (in days) for women choosing to have an abortion from and to, including the date of their initial referral appointment to the date of abortion, for NHS-funded **surgical** abortions for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

NHS South Sefton CCG does not hold this information, as there is no definition in our data for a "surgical abortion"

- The average length of waiting time (in days) for women choosing to have an abortion from and to, including the date of their initial referral appointment to the date of abortion for NHS-funded **medical** abortions for 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016.

The below table provides the data with diagnosis code "medical abortion", however the list of procedures carried out under this diagnosis does seem to include procedures that may be considered surgical e.g. "Vacuum aspiration of products of conception from uterus NEC".

NHS South Sefton CCG search our data using ICD-10 Diagnosis Codes:

<http://apps.who.int/classifications/icd10/browse/2016/en>

And OPCS procedure codes:

<http://content.digital.nhs.uk/isce/publication/scci0084>

Financial Year	South Sefton Average waiting Time in days
2013/14	3.97
2014/15	4.13
2015/16	4.12
2016/17	4.26
Average Total	4.12