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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Abortion Waiting Times within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

1. The average waiting time (in calendar days) for women who had an NHS-funded medical abortion in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - from the date of their first referral appointment to (and including) the date of the procedure
2. The average waiting time (in calendar days) for women who had an NHS-funded surgical abortion in 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 - from the date of their first referral appointment to (and including) the date of the procedure

[For questions 1 & 2 – please see appendix 1.](#)

Appendix 1

Year	ICD Description	Admissions	Average Wait (days)
2014/15	Medical abortion	480	Data Quality
	Spontaneous abortion	41	3
2015/16	Medical abortion	477	Data Quality
	Spontaneous abortion	30	3
2016/17	Medical abortion	491	Data Quality
	Spontaneous abortion	50	2.7
2017/18	Medical abortion	468	4.4
	Spontaneous abortion	40	4.1
2018/19	Medical abortion	405	5
	Spontaneous abortion	38	3.4
2019/20	Medical abortion	311	5
	Spontaneous abortion	36	2.8
2020/21	Medical abortion	10	3.6
	Spontaneous abortion	4	2.3
Grand Total		2,881	14.8

**14/15, 15/16, 16/17 excluded due to data quality issues*