



Vale of York
Clinical Commissioning Group

Your Ref: VOY 1211

24 August 2020

NHS Vale of York CCG
West Offices
Station Rise
York
YO1 6GA
Telephone: (01904) 555870

E-mail: VoYCCG.FOI@nhs.net
Website: www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Dear Sirs

Your Request for Information

I am writing in response to your recent request that we received on 2 August 2020 in which you requested the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Information Requested

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
3. The above 2 figures but for abortions where the patient's address was recorded as being YO23 3FT, ie part of the female prison estate. This figure can be provided over the total 5 year period requested rather than year-by-year in case this would give away identifying information.

Response

I can confirm NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group holds the information you have requested as per the below and the attached spreadsheets.

The information has been provided to the CCG by Individual Providers who have an agreement with the CCG locally whom are Marie Stopes and BPAS. Marie Stopes is only able to provide information from 2018 onwards due to their system script.

We are unable to provide information in relation to question 3 as we do not hold that level of detail.

The information we have provided to you is copyrighted to NHS Vale of York CCG and provided to you free of charge for your personal use or for other specific uses permitted in the Copyright Act. If however you wish to use the information we have provided for any commercial purposes including the sale of the information to a third party then, under the Regulations on the Re-use of Public Sector Information Regulations 2005, you must ask us for permission to do so in respect of each specific piece of such information. If we do grant such permission this may involve a licensing arrangement which may attract a fee. Should you wish to apply for permission for commercial re-use under the Regulations you should write to the Freedom of Information Manager to the address above.

If you have any concerns about the way your request has been handled; the operation of the Publication Schemes, the response received, or the 'exemption' decision, you should, in the first instance, contact me to try to resolve them. If you are not happy with the outcome, you can write to our Accountable Officer at the address above, within 40 days from the date of our response, to make a request for an internal review.

If you are not satisfied with the outcome of the internal review, you can then write to the Information Commissioner:

FOI/EIR Complaints Resolution
Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire, SK9 5AF

Helpline telephone: 01625 545 745

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need any further assistance. You can find out more information about our Clinical Commissioning Group by visiting our website www.valeofyorkccg.nhs.uk

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Team
NHS Vale of York Clinical Commissioning Group