

Statistical Bulletin

Abortion Statistics, England and Wales: 2006

This bulletin summarises information from the abortion notification forms returned to the Chief Medical Officers of England and Wales in respect of abortions carried out in England and Wales in 2006.

KEY FACTS

In 2006, for women resident in England and Wales:

- the total number of abortions was 193,700, compared with 186,400 in 2005, a rise of 3.9%
- the age-standardised abortion rate was 18.3 per 1,000 resident women aged 15-44, compared with 17.8 in 2005
- the abortion rate was highest at 35 per 1,000, for women age 19.
- the under-16 abortion rate was 3.9 and the under-18 rate was 18.2 per 1,000 women, both higher than in 2005
- 87% of abortions were funded by the NHS; of these, just over half (55%) took place in the independent sector under NHS contract
- 89% of abortions were carried out at under 13 weeks gestation; 68% were at under 10 weeks
- medical abortions accounted for 30% of the total compared with 24% in 2005
- 2,000 abortions (1%) were under ground E, risk that the child would be born handicapped

Non-residents:

- in 2006 there were 7,400 abortions for non-residents carried out in hospitals and clinics in England and Wales (7,900 in 2005)

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1. Introduction

1.1 This is the fifth Statistical Bulletin presenting statistics of legally induced abortions in England and Wales and covers those that took place in 2006. The format of the tables presented in this bulletin reflects the recommendations made in the ONS disclosure review (see Section 5 for further information).

1.2 The first bulletin, published by the Department of Health in October 2003, covered abortions in 2002 and was revised to incorporate the final 2002 figures in July 2004 in an Internet-only publication. Statistics for 2003 were first published in August 2004 and more detail was published in July 2005 on the Internet at the same time as statistics for 2004 were published. Statistics for 2005 were published in July 2006. Statistics for earlier years were published by the Office for National Statistics – *Abortion Statistics*, Series AB nos. 1 to 28.

1.3 The information collected on the abortion notification form (HSA4) was amended during 2002. Details of the changes are in appendix A.

Data quality

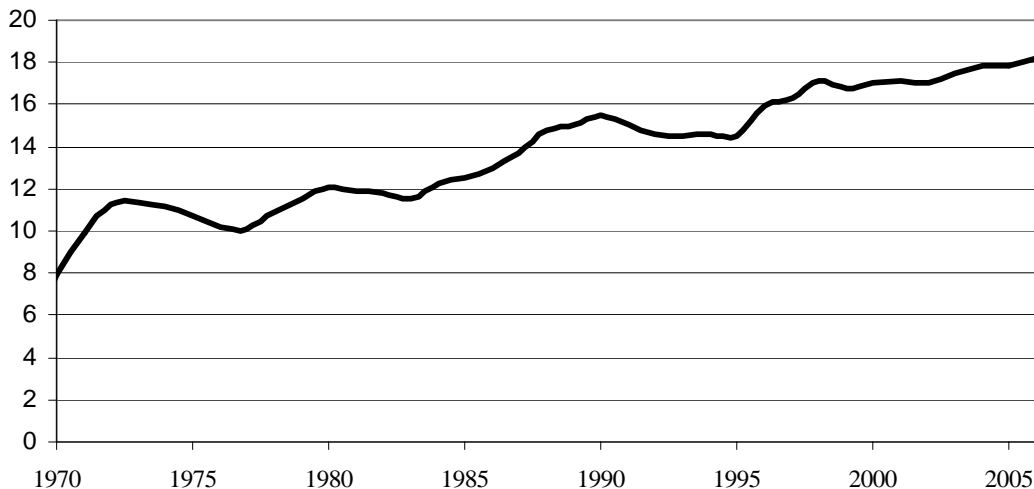
2.1 Incomplete and incorrectly completed forms are returned to practitioners for completion and clarification. In a very small number of cases (about one-quarter of one percent), the information remains unavailable at the time of publication. Date of birth was missing from 30 records in 2006, gestation information from 129, postcodes from 50 and grounds from 74.

2.2 Records with missing ages were assigned to the 20-24 age group. Missing gestations were imputed as 7, 8, 9 or 10 weeks in equal distribution unless method of abortion or diagnosis suggested otherwise. Missing postcodes were imputed with a random postcode from within the main PCTs of other residents attending the same hospital or clinic. Missing grounds were imputed as ground C (see Section 4.2.1).

2.3 Abortion rates per 1,000 women for 2006 at a national level and at PCT level are calculated using 2005 mid-year population estimates for England, Wales, England & Wales, Primary Care Organisations and Local Health Boards.

Figure 1 Age-standardised abortion rate per 1,000 population aged 15-44, England and Wales, 1970 to 2006

Rate



3. Overview

3.1 In total there were 201,173 abortions notified as taking place in England and Wales in 2006.

3.2 There were 193,737 abortions to residents of England and Wales in 2006. This represents a rate 18.3 per 1,000 resident women aged 15-44 (age-standardised rate, see Abortion Statistics, Series AB no. 27 page vi). The age-standardised abortion rate peaked at 15.5 in 1990 but remained below 15 until 1995; it then rose to 17.2 in 1998. From 1999 to 2002 the rate remained level at just over 17, the rate then rose again and in 2006 it was 18.3 (see *Figure 1* and Table 1).

3.3 In 2006 there were 7,436 abortions to residents of other countries, principally Northern Ireland (17%) and the Irish Republic (68%). This is about 500 fewer than in 2005. The number of abortions to non-residents remained between 9,000 and 10,000 in the period 1995 to 2003. The 2006 total is the lowest in any year since 1969 (see Table 1 and Table 12).

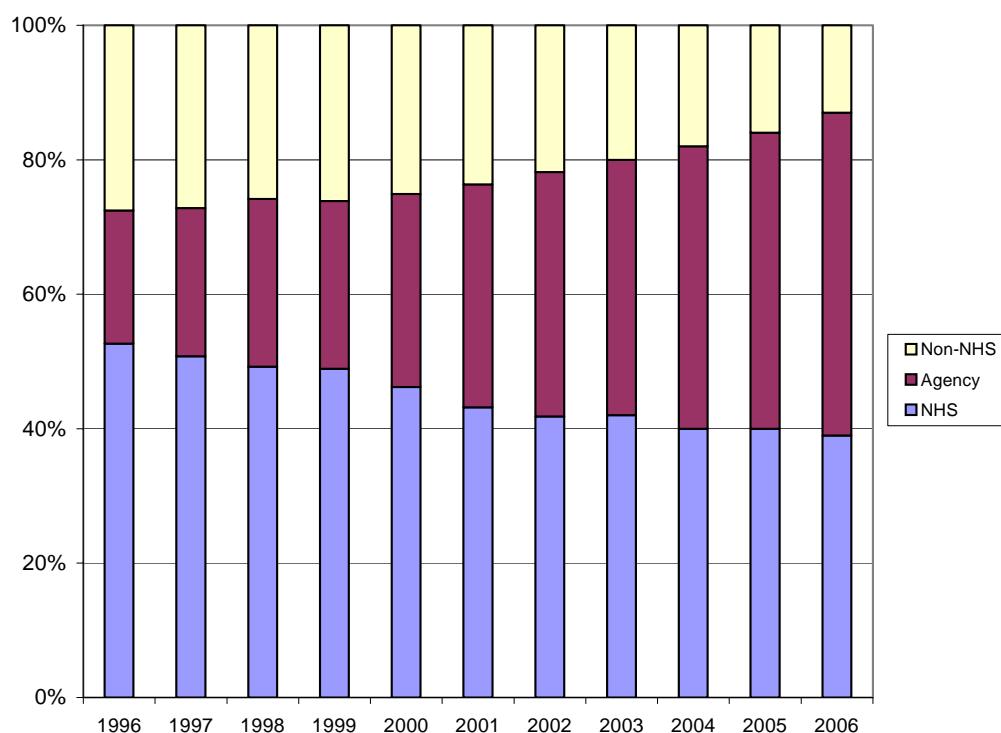
4. Analysis and commentary (England and Wales residents only)

4.1 Location and funding of abortions

4.1.1 Except in an emergency, any treatment for the termination of pregnancy can only be carried out in an NHS hospital or in a place approved for the purpose by the Secretary of State, and after 24 weeks, only in an NHS hospital. Through contractual arrangements with Primary Care Organisations (PCOs), some approved independent sector places perform NHS-funded abortions.

4.1.2 Table 3i and *Figure 2* show that in 2006, 39% of abortions were performed in NHS hospitals and 48% in approved independent sector places under NHS contract (NHS Agency), making a total of 87% of abortions funded by the NHS. The remaining 13% were privately funded. The proportion performed under NHS contract has been rising steadily since 1992 while the proportions of NHS hospital and private abortions has been falling.

Figure 2 Abortions by purchaser, England and Wales, 1996 to 2006



4.2 Statutory grounds for abortion

4.2.1 A legally induced abortion must be certified by two registered medical practitioners as justified under one or more of the following grounds:

- A the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman greater than if the pregnancy were terminated (Abortion Act, 1967 as amended, section 1(1)(c))
- B the termination is necessary to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman (section 1(1)(b))
- C the pregnancy has not exceeded its twenty-fourth week and that the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk, greater than if the pregnancy were terminated, of injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman (section 1(1)(a))
- D the pregnancy has not exceeded its twenty-fourth week and that the continuance of the pregnancy would involve risk, greater than if the pregnancy were terminated, of injury to the physical or mental health of any existing children of the family of the pregnant woman (section 1(1)(a))
- E there is a substantial risk that if the child were born it would suffer from such physical or mental abnormalities as to be seriously handicapped (section 1(1)(d))

or in an emergency, certified by the operating practitioner as immediately necessary:

- F to save the life of the pregnant woman (section 1(4))
- G to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman (section 1(4))

4.2.2 In 2006, the vast majority (97%) of abortions were undertaken under ground C and a further 1% under ground D. Grounds A and B together accounted for about 1% of abortions, and a similar proportion were under ground E. The proportion of ground C abortions has risen steadily since 1996, with a corresponding reduction in ground D cases. (See Table 3*ii*.) Less than half a per cent of ground C only terminations were reported as being performed because of a risk to the woman's physical health. Abortions are rarely performed under grounds F or G.

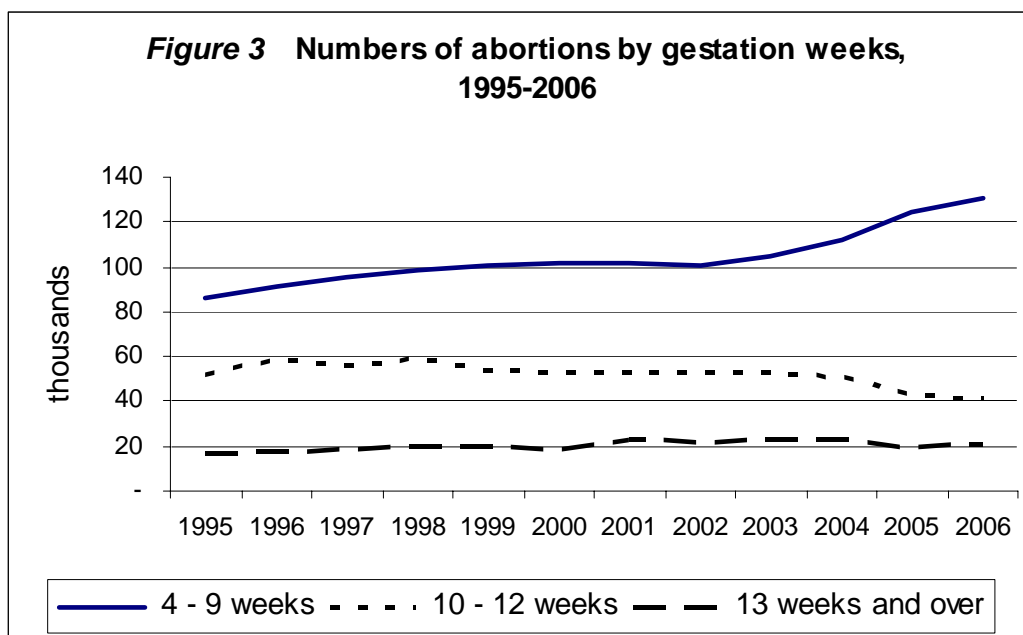
4.2.3 Chromosomal abnormalities were reported for about a third (38%) of cases under ground E, congenital malformations in about 47%. The most commonly reported anomalies were of the nervous system (25% of all ground E cases) and the musculoskeletal system (7%); Down's syndrome (21% of all ground E cases) was the most commonly reported chromosomal abnormality (Table 9; specific groups are shown only where there are 10 or more cases in total. See Section 5).

4.2.4 As in 2005, and each year since 1999, fewer than 10 abortions under ground E in 2006 were associated with rubella.

4.3 Gestation period

4.3.1 The vast majority of abortions are performed at under 13 weeks gestation. In 2006, about 68% were at under 10 weeks and a further 22% at 10-12 weeks. The proportion at 13 weeks or more was 11% in 2006. The corresponding percentages for 2005 were 67%, 23% and 10% respectively showing a continuing increase in the proportion of abortions that were performed under 10 weeks (Table 3 *iii* and Figure 3).

4.3.2 Department of Health policy is that women, who are legally entitled to an abortion, should have access to the procedure as soon as possible. Evidence shows that the risk of complications



increases the later the gestation. In 2001, the Government set a standard of a maximum waiting time of 3 weeks and since 2002/03 it has invested £8 million to improve early access to abortion services. PCOs' performance in this area is also being measured as part of their NHS performance ratings. The latest data for 2006 show that progress continues to made to increase early access: 65% of NHS funded abortions took place at under 10 weeks – compared with 51% in 2002. This represents a 22 % increase in total number of abortions taking place at under 10 weeks between 2002 and 2006 compared with a 9% rise in the total number of abortions over the same period. See Table A.

Year	%
2002	51
2003	52
2004	56
2005	63
2006	65

4.3.3 Abortions where gestation has exceeded its twenty-fourth week account for less than 0.1% of the total. There were 136 such abortions in 2006 (Table 5).

4.4 Age

4.4.1 The abortion rate in 2006 was highest at 35 per 1,000, for women age 19. There were just over 1,000 abortions to women aged under 15 and about 650 to women aged 45 or over (see Table 4a, Table 10b and Figure 4).

4.4.2 The under-16 abortion rate was 3.9 in 2006 compared with 3.7 in 2005 and the under-18 rate was 18.2 in 2006 compared to 17.8 in 2005. The rates for all age groups in 2006 were higher than in 2005, most markedly for the under 18 age groups (Table 4).

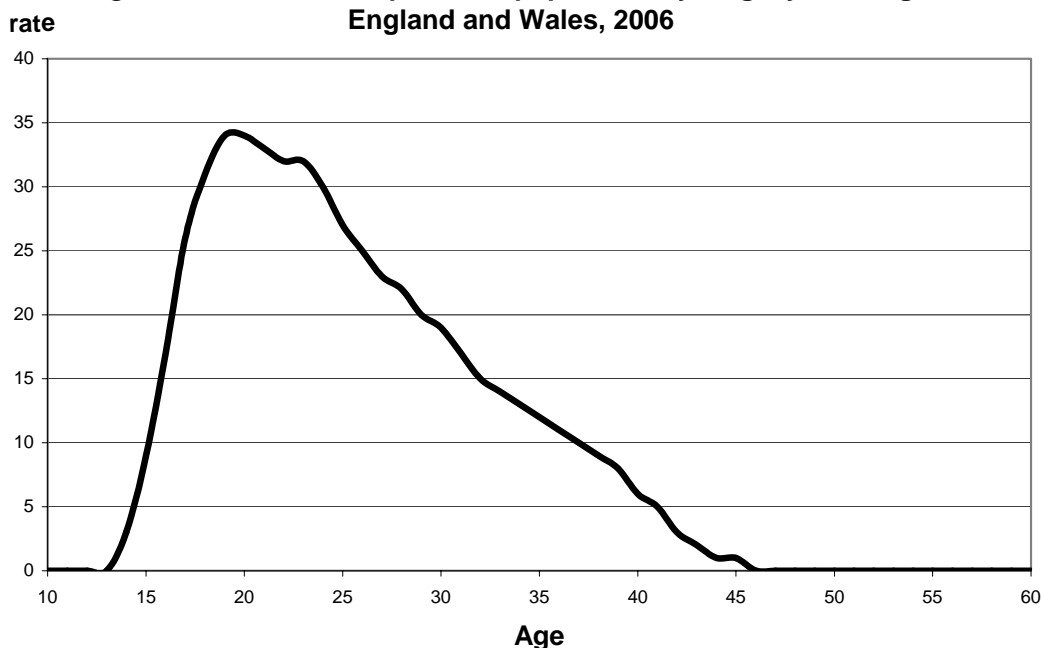
4.5 Marital status

4.5.1 80% of abortions in 2006 were carried out for single women, a proportion that has risen slowly from about two thirds since 1995 (Table 3v).

4.6 Ethnicity

4.6.1 The revised HSA4 forms introduced in 2002 allow for the recording of

Figure 4 Abortion rate per 1,000 population by single year of age, England and Wales, 2006



ethnicity, as self-reported by the women involved; this information was not previously recorded. Ethnicity was recorded on 86% of the forms received for 2006. Of women whose ethnicity was recorded, 75% were reported as White, 12% as Black or Black British and 8% as Asian or Asian British (Table 3vi).

4.6.2 The percentage of previous abortions (where the woman has had one or more previous abortion in addition to the one recorded for 2006) varies by ethnic group. 28% of Asian women having abortions in 2006 had had a previous abortion compared with 44% of Black women (See Table B).

Asian or Asian British	28%
Black or Black British	44%
Chinese or Other ethnic group	32%
Mixed	37%
White	31%

4.7 Previous abortions

4.7.1 As in 2005, 32% of women undergoing abortions in 2006 had one or more previous abortions. The proportion has risen from about 28% since 1996. (Table 3ix and Table 11).

4.7.2 In 2006, 23% of women aged under 25 having an abortion, had had a previous abortion. (Table 11) Repeat unintended pregnancy and subsequent abortion is a complex issue associated with increased age as it allows longer time for exposure to pregnancy risks.

4.8 Previous obstetric history

4.8.1 In 2006, about 47% of women undergoing abortions had one or more previous pregnancies that resulted in a live or stillbirth, a proportion virtually unchanged over the last 10 years. About 14% of women had a previous pregnancy resulting in a miscarriage or ectopic pregnancy (Tables 3vii & 3viii).

4.9 Method of abortion

4.9.1 Different methods may be used to terminate a pregnancy, depending on the

duration of gestation and other circumstances relating to the individual woman. There is one principal medical method, involving the use of the abortifacient drug Mifegyne (mifepristone, also known as RU486). The main surgical methods are vacuum aspiration, recommended at up to 15 weeks gestation, and dilatation and evacuation (D&E) recommended where gestation is greater than 15 weeks. D&E may be used in combination with vacuum aspiration; such cases are recorded in the statistics as D&E.

4.9.2 Medical abortions accounted for about 30% of the total in 2006. The proportion of medical abortions has more than doubled in the last five years. There has been a continuing upward trend in medical abortions since 1991 when Mifegyne was licensed for use in the UK (Table 3iv and Table 5).

4.9.3 Vacuum aspiration was used in for 64% of abortions in 2006 and Dilatation and Evacuation (D&E) alone in about 6% (Table 3iv).

4.9.4 For abortions at 22 weeks or beyond, feticide is recommended prior to the evacuation of the uterus to stop the fetal heart. In 2006, 65% of abortions performed at 22 weeks and over were reported as preceded by a feticide and 28% were performed by a method whereby the fetal heart is stopped as part of the procedure. Of the remaining 6%, at the time of publication, we had not been able to confirm whether feticide had been performed for the majority of cases.

4.10 Length of stay

4.10.1 In 2006, 999 (0.5%) women were reported as having a duration of stay of one or more nights. Over half of these stays were for abortions performed at later gestations – 20 weeks and over (See Table C).

Table C
Percentage of abortions requiring a duration of stay of one or more nights, by gestation, 2006

Gestation weeks	(100%)
under 10	20%
10 -12	16%
13-19	8%
20 and over	56%

4.11 Complications

4.11.1 Complications were reported in about 370 cases in 2006, a rate of about 2 in every thousand abortions slightly lower than in 2004 and 2005 (Table 8).

4.12 Selective terminations.

4.12.1 In 2006 there were 64 abortions which were selective terminations. In 38 cases, 2 fetuses were reduced to 1 fetus and in 14 cases 3 fetuses were reduced to 2 fetuses.

4.12.2 In 2006, more than half (55%) of the selective terminations were performed under grounds E.

4.13 Chlamydia screening

4.13.1 Screening for chlamydia is a key component of the Department of Health's Sexual Health and HIV Strategy. Analysis of returned data for 2006 shows that 73% of women aged under 25 having abortions in 2006 were offered chlamydia screening. This is little different to the proportion of all women screened which in 2006 was 73%.

4.14 Place of residence

4.14.1 Following the abolition of the English Health Authorities in April 2002, the place of residence details provided on the HSA4 form are allocated for analysis to Primary Care Organisations. For Wales, place of residence is allocated to their equivalents, Local Health Boards.

4.14.2 There were boundary changes for PCTs from 1st October 2006 with the number of PCTs reduced from 303 to 152.

5. Recommendations from the National Statistics Disclosure Review

In using and releasing health statistics there is a risk, generally with small numbers, of identifying individuals. To address this, the Department of Health asked the National Statistician to provide it with guidelines for interpreting the National Statistics Code of Practice and associated protocols in the handling of health statistics across the health community, in a way that balances data confidentiality risks with the public interest in the use of the figures. The Office for National Statistics (ONS) published a report on disclosure guidance for abortion statistics in July 2005 and a further report giving guidance for all health statistics was published in 2006. The report for abortions statistics can be found on the ONS website at:

<http://www.statistics.gov.uk/statbase/Product.asp?vlnk=11988>

The key recommendations can be found in Appendix B.

The 2006 Abortion Statistics bulletin applies the conclusions of the ONS disclosure review and guidance for abortion statistics. The guidance provides details on how to identify cells within tabulated statistics where the risks of a breach of confidentiality are unacceptable ("unsafe cells"). It then describes methods for reducing these risks.

For the bulletin, the risks identified have been reduced largely by redesigning tables. However, where table redesign proved to be impossible then suppression was applied to cells with fewer than 5 cases at National level or fewer than 10 cases at sub-national level and for highly sensitive variables such as gestation weeks by medical grounds. The same principles were also applied to tables showing rates and percentages.

In 2005, 3 year aggregate figures for 2003-2005 for some of the areas whose data are suppressed each year due to small numbers were published.

Further 3 year aggregate tables are planned for publication in 2009 for the years 2006-2008.

6. Editorial Notes

Percentages are subject to rounding and totals may not agree with the sum of the component figures shown. Rates are also rounded.

The following symbols are used in the tables:

- . = not applicable
- .. = suppressed values

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Table 1 Legal abortions: resident status and purchaser, 1968 to 2006

England and Wales, residents and non-residents

Year	Total	Residents					Rate per 1,000 women residents aged 15-44		Non-residents Total
		Total	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	ASR*	Crude		
1968 ¹	23,641	22,332	14,492	.	7,840	.	.	1,309	
1969	54,819	49,829	33,562	.	16,267	5.2	5.3	4,990	
1970	86,565	75,962	47,370	.	28,592	8.0	8.1	10,603	
1971	126,777	94,570	53,455	.	41,115	9.9	10.1	32,207	
1972	159,884	108,565	56,861	.	51,704	11.3	11.5	51,319	
1973	167,149	110,568	55,456	.	55,112	11.4	11.7	56,581	
1974	162,940	109,445	56,076	.	53,369	11.2	11.5	53,495	
1975	139,702	106,224	50,941	.	55,283	10.8	11.1	33,478	
1976	129,673	101,912	50,569	.	51,343	10.2	10.5	27,761	
1977	133,004	102,677	52,530	.	50,147	10.1	10.5	30,327	
1978	141,558	111,851	55,040	.	56,811	10.9	11.3	29,707	
1979	149,746	120,611	55,558	.	65,053	11.5	12.0	29,135	
1980	160,903	128,927	60,594	.	68,333	12.1	12.6	31,976	
1981	162,480	128,581	61,103	2,343	65,135	11.9	12.4	33,899	
1982	163,045	128,553	62,409	4,425	61,719	11.8	12.3	34,492	
1983	162,161	127,375	62,609	4,614	60,152	11.5	12.1	34,786	
1984	169,993	136,388	64,823	4,912	66,653	12.2	12.8	33,605	
1985	171,873	141,101	65,176	5,929	69,996	12.5	13.1	30,772	
1986	172,286	147,619	67,451	6,819	73,349	13.0	13.5	24,667	
1987	174,276	156,191	69,442	8,041	78,708	13.7	14.2	18,085	
1988	183,798	168,298	69,103	9,357	89,838	14.8	15.3	15,500	
1989	183,974	170,463	70,722	9,200	90,541	15.1	15.5	13,511	
1990	186,912	173,900	73,517	9,582	90,801	15.5	15.8	13,012	
1991	179,522	167,376	75,172	9,197	83,007	15.0	15.2	12,146	
1992	172,069	160,501	79,543	11,982	68,976	14.6	14.8	11,568	
1993	168,714	157,846	84,071	14,835	58,940	14.5	14.7	10,868	
1994	166,876	156,539	85,243	19,551	51,745	14.6	14.6	10,337	
1995	163,638	154,315	84,478	24,363	45,474	14.5	14.4	9,323	
1996	177,495	167,916	88,410	33,255	46,251	16.0	15.7	9,579	
1997	179,746	170,145	86,414	37,472	46,259	16.3	15.9	9,601	
1998	187,402	177,871	87,568	44,332	45,971	17.2	16.6	9,531	
1999	183,250	173,701	84,992	43,266	45,443	16.8	16.2	9,549	
2000	185,375	175,542	81,074	50,400	44,068	17.0	16.3	9,833	
2001	186,274	176,364	76,166	58,445	41,753	17.1	16.3	9,910	
2002	185,385	175,932	73,544	63,938	38,450	17.0	16.2	9,453	
2003	190,660	181,582	75,791	69,133	36,658	17.5	16.6	9,078	
2004	194,498	185,713	75,328	77,289	33,096	17.8	16.9	8,785	
2005	194,353	186,416	74,744	82,518	29,154	17.8	17.0	7,937	
2006	201,173	193,737	75,328	92,494	25,915	18.3	17.5	7,436	

¹ 1968 figures contain only 8 months data as the legislation came into effect on 27 April 1968.

. Not applicable

* Rates for all women residents age-standardised to the European population for ages 15-44

Table 2 Legal abortions: age by (i) purchaser, (ii) statutory grounds, (iii) gestation weeks, (iv) procedure, (v) marital status, (vi) ethnicity, (vii) parity, (viii) previous miscarriages, (ix) previous abortions, 2006

England and Wales, residents		numbers			
	All ages ¹	Under 20	20-34	35 and over	
All legal abortions	193,737	41,286	123,889	28,562	
(i) Purchaser					
NHS	75,328	18,276	47,035	10,017	
NHS agency	92,494	21,096	59,043	12,355	
Non-NHS	25,915	1,914	17,811	6,190	
(ii) Statutory grounds					
A (alone or with B, C or D) or F or G	149	33	83	33	
B (alone)	654	165	383	106	
B (or with C or D)	405	83	266	56	
C (alone)	187,740	40,664	119,974	27,102	
D (alone, or with C)	2,753	248	2,002	503	
E (alone or with A, B, C, or D)	2,036	93	1,181	762	
(iii) Gestation weeks					
3 - 9	131,041	25,199	85,274	20,568	
10 - 12	41,831	10,359	26,187	5,285	
13 -19	17,917	4,899	10,672	2,346	
20 and over	2,948	829	1,756	363	
(iv) Procedure					
Surgical	136,300	29,565	86,453	20,282	
Medical	57,437	11,721	37,436	8,280	
(v) Marital status					
Single no partner	51,388	15,100	32,287	4,001	
Single with partner	56,971	13,745	37,805	5,421	
Single not stated	18,298	5,053	11,646	1,599	
Married	26,150	328	16,331	9,491	
Separated/widowed/divorced	5,403	250	3,112	2,041	
Not known & not stated	35,527	6,810	22,708	6,009	
(vi) Ethnicity					
White British	111,888	28,771	66,958	16,159	
White Irish	920	144	596	180	
White - Any other White background	11,039	950	8,550	1,539	
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1,591	560	914	117	
Mixed - White and Black African	628	124	440	64	
Mixed - White and Asian	568	118	380	70	
Mixed - Any Other	1,473	348	982	143	
Asian or Asian British - Indian	5,685	466	4,359	860	
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	3,080	327	2,292	461	
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1,335	179	1,024	132	
Asian - Any other Asian background	3,799	389	2,718	692	
Black or Black British - Caribbean	5,536	1,107	3,489	940	
Black or Black British - African	12,206	1,604	9,007	1,595	
Black or Black British - Any other	1,910	359	1,299	252	
Chinese	2,031	163	1,617	251	
Any other ethnic group	2,100	260	1,488	352	
Not known/not stated	27,948	5,417	17,776	4,755	
(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or still birth)					
0	103,171	36,306	62,009	4,856	
1+	90,566	4,980	61,880	23,706	
(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies					
0	166,781	39,511	106,230	21,040	
1+	26,956	1,775	17,659	7,522	
(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act					
0	131,833	35,744	79,250	16,839	
1+	61,904	5,542	44,639	11,723	

¹ Age not stated have distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24

Table 3 Legal abortions: by (i) purchaser, (ii) statutory grounds, (iii) gestation weeks, (iv) procedure, (v) marital status, (vi) ethnicity, (vii) parity, (viii) previous miscarriages, (ix) previous abortions, 1996 to 2006

England and Wales, residents											percentages	
	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	
All legal abortions (=100%)	167,916	170,145	177,871	173,701	175,542	176,364	175,932	181,582	185,713	186,416	193,737	
(i) Purchaser												
NHS	53	51	49	49	46	43	42	42	40	40	39	
NHS agency	20	22	25	25	29	33	36	38	42	44	48	
Non-NHS	28	27	26	26	25	24	22	20	18	16	13	
(ii) Statutory grounds												
A (alone or with B, C or D) or F or G	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
B (alone or with C or D)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
C (alone)	90	91	91	92	92	93	94	94	95	96	97	
D (alone, or with C)	7	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	
E (alone or with A, B, C, or D)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
(iii) Gestation weeks												
3 - 9	54	56	56	58	58	58	57	58	60	67	68	
10 - 12	35	33	33	31	30	30	30	29	27	23	22	
13 -19	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	9	9	
20 and over	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	
(iv) Procedure												
Vacuum aspiration	84	84	82	82	81	81	81	80	76	71	64	
Dilatation and evacuation	8	8	9	8	7	6	4	3	4	5	6	
Other surgical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	6	7	8	9	11	12	14	16	19	24	30	
Other medical agent	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	
(v) Marital status ²												
Single no partner	.	.	.	.	.	.	25	35	31	33	32
Single with partner	.	.	.	.	.	.	17	30	29	31	36
Single not stated	.	.	.	.	.	.	32	11	17	15	12
Single (total)	71	72	73	74	75	76	75	76	77	79	80	
Married	21	21	20	20	19	19	20	19	18	17	17	
Separated	4	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	
Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Divorced	4	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	
(vi) Ethnicity ²												
Asian or Asian British	.	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	7	8	8
Black or Black British	.	.	.	.	.	.	12	12	13	13	12
White	.	.	.	.	.	.	75	76	75	74	75
Chinese or other ethnic group	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	3	3	2
Mixed	.	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	2	2	3
(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or stillbirth)												
0	54	54	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	
1+	46	46	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	
(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies												
0	.	.	.	.	.	.	87	87	86	86	86
1+	.	.	.	.	.	.	13	13	14	14	14
(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act												
0	72	71	71	70	70	69	69	68	68	68	68	
1+	28	29	29	30	30	31	31	32	32	32	32	

¹ Percentages exclude not known and not stated

. Information was not collected

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100

Table 4a Legal abortions: by age, 2006
England and Wales, residents

Age ¹	Total	Rates per 1,000 women	Age	Total	Rates per 1,000 women
All ages	193,737	17.5			
Under 15	1,042	2	30-34	28,153	15
Under 14	135	.	30	6,297	19
14	907	2	31	5,954	17
			32	5,444	15
Under 16	3,990	4	33	5,298	13
Under 18	18,691	18	34	5,160	13
15-19	40,244	24	35-39	20,074	10
15	2,948	9	35	4,842	12
16	5,859	17	36	4,376	11
17	8,770	25	37	4,145	10
18	10,891	32	38	3,520	8
19	11,776	35	39	3,191	8
20-24	55,340	33	40-44	7,825	4
20	11,722	34	40	2,687	6
21	11,564	34	41	2,071	5
22	10,967	33	42	1,459	4
23	10,761	32	43	1,010	3
24	10,326	29	44	598	2
25-29	40,396	24	45-49	642	0
25	9,667	27	45	331	1
26	9,102	27	46	186	1
27	7,939	25	47	83	0
28	7,265	23	48	22	0
29	6,423	20	49	20	0
			50 and over	21	.

¹ Age not stated have been distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24

Rates for all ages, under 15, under 16, under 18 and 35 and over are based on 2005 mid year population estimates; 15-44, 13-14, 13-15, 15-17 and 35-44 respectively

. Rate not available

Table 4b Legal abortions: number of previous abortions by age¹, 2006
England and Wales, residents

Number of previous abortions	Total	under 18	18 - 24	25 - 29	30+
0	131,833	17,173	57,000	28,222	29,438
1	47,156	1,341	17,047	13,697	15,071
2	10,944	82	3,147	3,540	4,175
3	2,501	..	..	826	1,128
4	947	..	..	300	412
5	192	..	..	65	108
6	110	..	..	..	53
7 or more	54	..	..	..	33
Total	193,737	18,619	78,007	46,693	50,418

¹ Age not stated have been distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24

.. values are suppressed where totals are less than 10 (0 - 9) or where a presented total would reveal the suppressed value

Table 5 Legal abortions: gestation weeks by purchaser and method of abortion, 2006

England and Wales, residents

Gestation weeks	Total number of abortions	Purchaser (%)			Method (%)	
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	Medical	Surgical
Total	193,737	39	48	13	30	70
3 and 4	1,052	7	42	51	86	14
5	8,600	15	49	36	61	39
6	25,728	24	50	26	51	49
7	35,274	29	53	18	39	61
8	35,795	45	45	10	32	68
9	24,592	51	42	7	15	85
10	20,251	57	38	5	9	91
11	12,391	54	40	5	11	89
12	9,189	48	46	6	13	87
13	5,125	39	54	7	20	80
14	3,691	34	62	5	23	77
15	2,924	27	65	8	21	79
16	2,002	28	63	8	26	74
17	1,707	24	68	8	23	77
18	1,357	20	70	9	25	75
19	1,111	16	75	9	21	79
20	932	20	71	10	23	77
21	754	28	65	7	32	68
22	616	25	62	13	25	75
23 ¹	510	25	64	11	27	73
24 and over	136	.	.	.	..	..
24	34	.	.	.	..	..
25	22	.	.	.	..	..
26-27	24	.	.	.	..	..
28-31	22	.	.	.	..	..
32 and over	34	.	.	.	..	..
Total	193,737	39	48	13	30	70
3-9	106,449	35	48	17	42	58
9-12	66,423	53	41	6	12	88
13-19	17,917	31	62	7	23	77
20-23	2,812	24	66	10	26	74
24 and over	136	.	.	.	90	10

¹ 24 weeks and 0 days gestation is included in 23 weeks

.. Based on fewer than 10 (0-9) cases.

. Not applicable

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100

Table 6 Legal abortions: gestation weeks by age and purchaser, 2006

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Purchaser	Gestation weeks	All ages ¹	Under 20	20-34	35 and over
Total	Total number (=100%)	193,737	41,286	123,889	28,562
	3-9	68	61	69	72
	10-12	22	25	21	19
	13-19	9	12	9	8
	20 and over	2	2	1	1
NHS	Total number (=100%)	75,328	18,276	47,035	10,017
	3-9	62	61	62	60
	10-12	30	32	30	28
	13-19	7	7	7	10
	20 and over	1	0	1	2
NHS agency	Total number (=100%)	92,494	21,096	59,043	12,355
	3-9	68	60	69	74
	10-12	18	20	18	16
	13-19	12	16	11	9
	20 and over	2	3	2	1
Non-NHS	Total number (=100%)	25,915	1,914	17,811	6,190
	3-9	85	76	85	87
	10-12	9	13	9	8
	13-19	5	8	5	4
	20 and over	1	3	1	1

¹ Age not stated have been distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100

Table 7a Legal abortions: procedure by gestation weeks, 2006

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Procedure	Gestation weeks					
	Total	3 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 19	20 & over
Total abortions (=100%)	193,737	131,041	41,831	8,816	9,101	2,948
Surgical	70	63	89	78	77	71
Vacuum Aspiration	64	62	87	66	0	0
Dilatation and Evacuation	6	1	2	13	76	52
Feticide with a surgical evacuation ¹	0	0	0	0	0	19
Medical	30	37	11	22	23	29
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	29	37	11	21	23	11
Other medical agent	0	0	0	0	0	3
Feticide with a medical evacuation	0	0	0	0	0	15

¹includes feticide with no method of evacuation and surgical 'other'.

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

Table 7b Legal abortions: grounds by gestation weeks, 2006

England and Wales, residents

Grounds	Gestation weeks				
	Total	3 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 19	20 & over
A (alone, or with B, C, D, F or G)	149	94	31	..	..
B (alone, or with C or D)	1,059	555	408	..	..
C alone	187,740	128,658	40,272	16,596	2,214
D alone	2,753	1,713	826	202	12
E alone, or with A, B, C or D)	2,036	21	294	1,018	703
Total	193,737	131,041	41,831	17,917	2,948

.. total less than 10 (0-9) or where a presented total would reveal the suppressed value.

Table 8 Legal abortions: complication¹ rates by procedure and gestation weeks, 2006

England and Wales, residents

complication rates per 1,000 abortions

Gestation weeks	Total all procedures	Procedure	
		Surgical	Medical
Total complications (numbers)	368	223	145
Rate, all gestations	2	1	2
4 - 9	1	1	2
10 - 12	3	2	4
13 -19	3	2	7
20 & over	4	..	12

¹ Complications include: haemorrhage, uterine perforation and/or sepsis and are those reported up to the time of discharge from the place of termination

..Based on fewer than 10 (0-9) cases

Table 9 Legal abortions: principal medical condition for abortions performed under ground E, 2006

England and Wales, residents		numbers	
ICD-10 code ¹	Condition	Total	Over 24 weeks gestation
Total grounds E alone or with any other		2,036	136 ³
Q00-Q89	Congenital malformations total	962	95
Q00-Q07	the nervous system total	510	60
Q00	anencephaly	166	..
Q01	encephalocele	41	..
Q03	hydrocephalus	44	10
Q04	other malformations of the brain	77	24
Q05	spina bifida	106	..
Q02, Q06, Q07 ²	other	76	16
Q10-Q89	other congenital malformations total	452	35
Q20-Q28	the cardiovascular system	129	13
Q30-Q34	the respiratory system	24	..
Q60-Q64	the urinary system	69	..
Q65-Q79	the musculoskeletal system	138	..
Q10-Q18, Q35-Q56, Q80-Q89 ²	other	92	..
Q90-Q99	Chromosomal abnormalities total	772	25
Q90	Down's syndrome	436	12
Q910-Q913	Edwards' syndrome	123	..
Q914-Q917	Patau's syndrome	46	..
Q92-Q99 ²	other	167	..
	Other conditions total	302	16
P00-P04	fetus affected by maternal factors	108	..
P05-P08 added again	fetal disorders relating to gestation and growth	15	..
P832-P833	hydrops fetalis not due to haemolytic disease	40	..
Z80-Z84	family history of heritable disorder	121	..
	other *	18	..

¹ ICD-10 codes are taken from the International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (Tenth Revision) published by the World Health Organisation (WHO)
Specific groups shown only where there are 10 or more cases in total or where a presented figure would reveal a suppressed value.

² Codes listed under 'other' have cases between 0 and 9 inclusive

³ Over 24 week total includes abortions carried out under grounds A, B, F or G.

.. Fewer than 10 cases (0-9)

* Includes cases where insufficient detail was available to allocate an ICD10 code.

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Residents

numbers

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age ¹					
		Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
ENGLAND & WALES	193,737	18,619	22,667	55,340	40,396	28,153	28,562
ENGLAND	185,307	17,615	21,507	52,816	38,770	27,126	27,473
NORTH EAST SHA	7,046	905	950	2,144	1,322	880	845
5ND County Durham	1,132	161	162	310	241	127	131
5J9 Darlington	333	52	45	91	56	45	44
5KF Gateshead	421	63	54	135	77	44	48
5D9 Hartlepool	334	43	50	105	50	46	40
5KM Middlesbrough	483	62	70	158	88	56	49
5D7 Newcastle	1,009	96	128	334	220	122	109
5E1 North Tees	578	78	68	164	111	77	80
5D8 North Tyneside	537	74	80	144	94	73	72
TAC Northumberland & Care Trust	649	78	75	217	120	82	77
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	357	52	43	102	65	48	47
5KG South Tyneside	390	45	60	116	65	52	52
5KL Sunderland Teaching	823	101	115	268	135	108	96
NORTH WEST SHA	22,661	2,595	3,111	6,951	4,303	2,882	2,819
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	933	128	130	258	186	122	109
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	477	53	61	140	92	73	58
5HP Blackpool	495	66	73	158	83	57	58
5HQ Bolton	1,026	107	122	275	245	153	124
5JX Bury	677	88	92	204	125	86	82
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,120	133	142	287	207	160	191
5NG Central Lancashire	1,223	146	185	365	202	163	162
5NE Cumbria	1,175	153	145	350	196	146	185
5NH East Lancashire	1,147	156	166	331	204	143	147
5NM Halton & St Helens	905	110	137	274	148	111	125
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	665	80	97	201	132	81	74
5J4 Knowsley	513	57	81	165	70	73	67
5NL Liverpool	1,761	172	217	612	350	204	206
5NT Manchester	2,781	194	316	972	670	380	249
5NF North Lancashire	768	105	114	216	131	84	118
5J5 Oldham	664	80	83	210	132	84	75
5F5 Salford Teaching	946	91	123	330	203	96	103
5NJ Sefton	748	100	105	240	122	84	97
5F7 Stockport	823	98	133	244	144	104	100
5LH Tameside & Glossop	852	121	141	221	148	100	121
5NR Trafford	692	82	93	193	138	100	86
5J2 Warrington	609	76	94	182	96	84	77
5NN West Cheshire	588	71	88	186	86	73	84
5NK Wirrel	1,073	128	173	337	193	121	121
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA	15,971	1,922	2,138	4,806	2,948	2,108	2,049
5JE Barnsley	632	93	80	162	141	73	83
5NY Bradford & Airedale	1,649	161	207	505	351	229	196
5J6 Calderdale	566	73	75	148	102	85	83
5N5 Doncaster	1,125	156	168	349	203	127	122
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	647	107	100	153	80	103	104
5NX Hull	911	117	124	313	161	112	84
5N2 Kirklees	1,178	131	142	374	228	152	151
5N1 Leeds	2,751	284	367	841	539	376	344
5AN North East Lincolnshire	593	84	77	194	112	67	59
5EF North Lincolnshire	405	61	58	120	77	50	39
5NV North Yorkshire & York	1,757	205	236	491	301	237	287
5H8 Rotherham	822	115	125	237	132	103	110
5N4 Sheffield	1,855	197	237	596	331	255	239
5N3 Wakefield District	1,080	138	142	323	190	139	148

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ENGLAND & WALES	193,737	18,619	22,667	55,340	40,396	28,153	28,562
ENGLAND	185,307	17,615	21,507	52,816	38,770	27,126	27,473
EAST MIDLANDS SHA	12,200	1,323	1,506	3,535	2,344	1,771	1,721
5ET Bassetlaw	252	40	27	71	46	37	31
5N7 Derby City	830	60	111	267	181	115	96
5N6 Derbyshire County	1,629	191	209	393	291	262	283
5PC Leicester City	1,446	122	141	479	321	232	151
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,569	168	225	424	279	223	250
5N9 Lincolnshire	1,459	199	184	415	226	216	219
5PD Northamptonshire	2,072	218	253	592	411	297	301
5EM Nottingham City	1,348	123	176	444	300	160	145
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	1,595	202	180	450	289	229	245
WEST MIDLANDS SHA	20,324	2,197	2,484	6,076	4,018	2,806	2,743
5PG Birmingham East & North	1,917	188	258	602	375	241	253
5MD Coventry Teaching	1,843	180	213	562	406	274	208
5PE Dudley	981	128	126	265	202	129	131
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	2,021	123	204	704	454	293	243
5CN Herefordshire	315	36	34	74	57	56	58
5PH North Staffordshire	512	79	73	133	90	67	70
5PF Sandwell	1,417	150	135	413	290	229	200
5M2 Shropshire County	656	85	87	176	101	95	112
TAM Solihull	666	66	101	204	118	82	95
5M1 South Birmingham	1,653	178	201	534	320	237	183
5PK South Staffordshire	1,788	234	248	496	312	217	281
5PJ Stoke on Trent	840	97	128	271	162	107	75
5MK Telford & Wrekin	559	65	72	147	118	77	80
5M3 Walsall Teaching	913	112	89	290	193	124	105
5PM Warwickshire	1,699	173	200	479	350	235	262
5MV Wolverhampton City	1,143	118	142	338	223	156	166
5PL Worcestershire	1,401	185	173	388	247	187	221
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA	16,536	1,604	1,891	4,475	3,301	2,394	2,871
5P2 Bedfordshire	1,166	123	143	308	225	169	198
5PP Cambridgeshire	1,324	130	123	354	275	189	253
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	1,604	145	189	425	311	244	290
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	552	71	81	152	103	70	75
5GC Luton Teaching	944	59	93	306	219	143	124
5PX Mid Essex	995	119	122	241	191	122	200
5PQ Norfolk	1,732	196	216	468	347	228	277
5PW North East Essex	751	72	91	230	140	94	124
5PN Peterborough	695	67	84	222	154	90	78
5P1 South East Essex	1,094	122	125	290	214	151	192
5PY South West Essex	1,596	136	181	425	341	255	258
5PT Suffolk	1,291	119	148	338	240	181	265
5PV West Essex	1,003	105	117	241	186	159	195
5P4 West Hertfordshire	1,789	140	178	475	355	299	342

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LONDON SHA	51,072	3,173	4,639	14,081	12,869	8,501	7,809
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	1,363	102	131	390	324	240	176
5A9 Barnet	1,851	101	170	514	466	294	306
TAK Bexley Care Trust	975	97	129	269	183	149	148
5K5 Brent Teaching	2,346	109	181	659	605	438	354
5A7 Bromley	1,246	105	145	310	244	188	254
5K7 Camden	1,298	59	97	381	359	208	194
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	2,071	125	190	554	519	360	323
5K9 Croydon	2,318	206	250	576	549	365	372
5HX Ealing	2,009	105	168	562	501	370	303
5C1 Enfield	1,831	136	186	524	380	315	290
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	1,827	119	165	532	490	289	232
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	1,252	48	105	352	380	196	171
5C9 Haringey teaching	1,778	120	148	505	476	252	277
5K6 Harrow	1,239	62	112	296	313	214	242
5A4 Havering	960	110	137	262	194	127	130
5AT Hillingdon	1,451	136	165	408	330	192	220
5HY Hounslow	1,522	69	150	390	417	267	229
5K8 Islington	1,557	76	152	438	444	255	192
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	999	53	63	231	257	191	204
5A5 Kingston	735	46	83	209	160	126	111
5LD Lambeth	2,732	175	221	740	679	511	406
5LF Lewisham	2,262	145	204	638	556	371	348
5C5 Newham	2,185	117	167	669	575	362	295
5NA Redbridge	1,508	90	131	426	352	253	256
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	654	46	66	160	134	107	141
5LE Southwark	2,855	162	233	781	783	488	408
5M7 Sutton & Merton	1,724	131	184	432	408	264	305
5C4 Tower Hamlets	1,733	91	139	560	503	257	183
5NC Waltham Forest	1,659	98	147	465	409	281	259
5LG Wandsworth Teaching	1,760	90	125	456	516	291	282
5LC Westminster	1,372	44	95	392	363	280	198
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA	13,429	1,278	1,604	3,466	2,657	2,014	2,410
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	1,359	103	143	348	310	240	215
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	833	105	113	182	164	96	173
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,390	255	304	694	483	317	337
5P8 Hastings & Rother	501	72	71	126	79	73	80
5L3 Medway Teaching	1,037	113	119	308	202	147	148
5P5 Surrey	3,184	260	358	790	588	495	693
5P9 West Kent	2,056	184	221	512	424	321	394
5P6 West Sussex	2,069	186	275	506	407	325	370
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA	12,707	1,163	1,501	3,482	2,554	1,895	2,112
5QG Berkshire East	1,572	91	144	409	371	263	294
5QF Berkshire West	1,685	144	190	476	345	264	266
5QD Buckinghamshire	1,367	133	137	346	285	193	273
5QC Hampshire	3,250	356	448	818	605	478	545
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	282	43	37	80	43	34	45
5CQ Milton Keynes	993	96	110	253	230	164	140
5QE Oxfordshire	1,858	144	210	528	345	284	347
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	820	67	102	274	155	117	105
5L1 Southampton City	880	89	123	298	175	98	97

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SOUTH WEST SHA	13,361	1,455	1,683	3,800	2,454	1,875	2,094
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	469	44	62	139	81	59	84
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,066	79	117	333	232	156	149
5QJ Bristol	1,644	145	186	517	345	213	238
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,136	139	145	303	200	172	177
5QQ Devon	1,506	182	200	411	260	200	253
5QM Dorset	760	87	98	199	140	102	134
5QH Gloucestershire	1,534	164	165	436	285	240	244
5M8 North Somerset	450	41	47	118	76	91	77
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	816	95	112	260	166	92	91
5QL Somerset	1,193	153	159	338	199	148	196
5A3 South Gloucestershire	665	89	88	171	124	104	89
5K3 Swindon	665	65	88	185	126	101	100
TAL Torbay	447	52	89	115	70	54	67
5QK Wiltshire	1,010	120	127	275	150	143	195
WALES	8,430	1,004	1,160	2,524	1,626	1,027	1,089
6B1 Angelsey	148	17	20	55	22	16	18
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	197	26	30	67	35	17	22
6B3 Bridgend	414	46	69	110	76	68	45
6B2 Caerphilly	558	59	63	170	128	73	65
6A8 Cardiff	1,153	92	147	379	236	147	152
6B7 Carmarthen	401	46	58	118	76	48	55
6A4 Ceredigion	177	19	31	64	26	14	23
6A7 Conwy	298	47	44	84	56	32	35
6C1 Denbighshire	252	28	28	78	51	28	39
6B5 Flintshire	424	48	66	122	73	45	70
6A2 Gwynedd	278	35	40	80	41	42	40
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	161	20	21	48	36	21	15
6A1 Monmouth	199	26	25	57	26	23	42
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	417	52	59	129	78	49	50
6B9 Newport	485	62	59	136	105	54	69
6A3 Pembroke	291	39	53	83	45	30	41
6C4 Powys	275	34	42	64	39	44	52
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	732	104	89	224	153	84	78
6A6 Swansea	514	60	64	164	114	57	55
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	359	52	50	91	70	47	49
6C3 Torfaen	316	47	46	88	68	41	26
6B4 Wrexham	381	45	56	113	72	47	48

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ENGLAND AND WALES	193,737	18.3	18.2	33.3	32.5	24.3	15.1	6.9
ENGLAND	185,307	18.5	18.3	33.5	32.8	24.5	15.3	7.0
NORTH EAST SHA	7,046	14	18	27	24	18	11	4
5ND County Durham	1,132	12	17	23	19	19	8	3
5J9 Darlington	333	19	27	39	36	19	13	6
5KF Gateshead	421	12	17	23	24	14	7	3
5D9 Hartlepool	334	20	23	39	39	20	17	6
5KM Middlesbrough	483	17	20	31	29	22	13	5
5D7 Newcastle	1,009	15	20	24	20	22	13	6
5E1 North Tees	578	16	21	27	28	21	12	5
5D8 North Tyneside	537	15	20	35	26	17	11	5
TAC Northumberland & Care Trust	649	13	14	22	28	17	9	3
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	357	14	18	23	26	19	12	4
5KG South Tyneside	390	14	15	28	25	16	11	4
5KL Sunderland Teaching	823	14	18	29	26	15	11	4
NORTH WEST SHA	22,661	17	19	33	31	21	13	5
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	933	16	22	35	29	21	11	5
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	477	17	16	29	32	21	15	6
5HP Blackpool	495	20	25	41	39	24	13	5
5HQ Bolton	1,026	20	19	35	34	30	16	6
5JX Bury	677	20	24	40	40	23	13	6
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,120	15	16	28	27	20	11	5
5NG Central Lancashire	1,223	14	16	29	24	17	11	5
5NE Cumbria	1,175	14	16	26	28	17	10	5
5NH East Lancashire	1,147	16	19	35	31	20	11	5
5NM Halton & St Helens	905	16	18	35	31	18	11	6
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	665	16	18	34	31	21	12	5
5J4 Knowsley	513	17	17	35	34	17	15	5
5NL Liverpool	1,761	16	19	27	26	21	13	6
5NT Manchester	2,781	22	23	36	34	30	22	8
5NF North Lancashire	768	13	17	24	20	17	9	5
5J5 Oldham	664	16	18	28	32	20	11	5
5F5 Salford Teaching	946	20	22	41	39	27	13	7
5NJ Sefton	748	15	17	29	32	19	11	4
5F7 Stockport	823	16	17	40	33	19	11	4
5LH Tameside & Glossop	852	18	23	44	31	21	11	6
5NR Trafford	692	18	20	39	34	22	13	5
5J2 Warrington	609	17	20	41	33	18	13	5
5NN West Cheshire	588	14	16	30	27	15	10	5
5NK Wirrel	1,073	20	19	43	39	25	13	5
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA	15,971	16	19	30	28	20	13	5
5JE Barnsley	632	16	22	30	26	24	10	5
5NY Bradford & Airedale	1,649	16	16	30	29	21	13	6
5J6 Calderdale	566	16	18	31	29	20	13	5
5N5 Doncaster	1,125	21	26	45	43	27	14	6
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	647	12	18	25	21	12	11	4
5NX Hull	911	16	23	32	30	19	13	5
5N2 Kirklees	1,178	15	17	27	29	20	11	5
5N1 Leeds	2,751	16	20	30	24	21	15	6
5AN North East Lincolnshire	593	20	23	36	42	28	14	5
5EF North Lincolnshire	405	16	21	33	31	21	11	3
5NV North Yorkshire & York	1,757	13	14	25	23	16	10	5
5H8 Rotherham	822	17	23	40	33	19	12	6
5N4 Sheffield	1,855	16	21	27	25	20	15	6
5N3 Wakefield District	1,080	18	21	35	34	22	12	6

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ENGLAND	185,307	18.5	18.3	33.5	32.8	24.5	15.3	7.0
EAST MIDLANDS SHA	12,200	15	16	27	26	20	13	5
5ET Bassetlaw	252	14	19	22	27	17	11	4
5N7 Derby City	830	17	13	35	30	24	14	6
5N6 Derbyshire County	1,629	14	14	27	24	17	11	5
5PC Leicester City	1,446	20	21	28	31	28	21	7
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,569	13	13	26	23	17	10	5
5N9 Lincolnshire	1,459	13	15	23	23	15	11	4
5PD Northamptonshire	2,072	17	16	33	33	23	13	6
5EM Nottingham City	1,348	18	24	28	24	28	16	8
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	1,595	14	16	24	26	16	11	5
WEST MIDLANDS SHA	20,324	20	20	35	36	26	16	7
5PG Birmingham East & North	1,917	23	21	46	43	29	18	9
5MD Coventry Teaching	1,843	28	30	42	45	39	27	10
5PE Dudley	981	18	22	35	32	24	13	6
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	2,021	29	20	39	49	40	30	14
5CN Herefordshire	315	11	10	18	20	15	11	4
5PH North Staffordshire	512	13	20	25	21	18	10	4
5PF Sandwell	1,417	25	26	36	46	31	22	9
5M2 Shropshire County	656	15	15	28	28	16	11	5
TAM Solihull	666	20	16	41	41	25	14	6
5M1 South Birmingham	1,653	20	26	36	32	25	20	8
5PK South Staffordshire	1,788	17	20	35	33	22	11	6
5PJ Stoke on Trent	840	17	20	37	30	23	13	4
5MK Telford & Wrekin	559	18	19	33	31	25	13	6
5M3 Walsall Teaching	913	19	22	27	38	27	15	6
5PM Warwickshire	1,699	17	17	34	30	22	13	6
5MV Wolverhampton City	1,143	23	25	45	42	29	19	10
5PL Worcestershire	1,401	15	17	28	29	17	11	5
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA	16,536	16	15	29	29	21	13	7
5P2 Bedfordshire	1,166	16	16	31	28	19	12	6
5PP Cambridgeshire	1,324	11	12	15	18	15	9	6
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	1,604	16	14	31	29	20	13	7
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	552	17	18	33	31	23	12	5
5GC Luton Teaching	944	23	15	35	43	31	22	9
5PX Mid Essex	995	16	17	31	27	20	10	7
5PQ Norfolk	1,732	14	16	26	23	19	10	5
5PW North East Essex	751	14	13	25	27	18	10	6
5PN Peterborough	695	22	21	41	44	29	15	6
5P1 South East Essex	1,094	20	20	34	37	26	15	8
5PY South West Essex	1,596	21	18	41	39	27	18	8
5PT Suffolk	1,291	13	11	24	23	16	10	6
5PV West Essex	1,003	20	20	38	34	25	17	9
5P4 West Hertfordshire	1,789	19	14	32	36	22	15	8

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LONDON SHA	51,072	28	24	51	49	35	24	13
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	1,363	38	34	65	65	52	35	13
5A9 Barnet	1,851	25	17	47	46	32	21	12
TAK Bexley Care Trust	975	23	21	47	43	28	20	8
5K5 Brent Teaching	2,346	35	22	52	62	48	37	16
5A7 Bromley	1,246	22	19	46	41	26	17	10
5K7 Camden	1,298	19	19	31	30	23	16	11
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	2,071	36	31	70	63	43	31	17
5K9 Croydon	2,318	32	31	61	51	43	26	12
5HX Ealing	2,009	29	21	47	56	36	27	12
5C1 Enfield	1,831	31	26	55	56	38	30	12
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	1,827	33	29	56	58	47	27	12
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	1,252	25	19	58	43	30	18	12
5C9 Haringey teaching	1,778	32	31	55	62	41	22	14
5K6 Harrow	1,239	27	15	43	43	39	26	14
5A4 Havering	960	23	25	52	40	31	18	7
5AT Hillingdon	1,451	26	28	47	43	35	19	11
5HY Hounslow	1,522	31	18	57	53	44	29	13
5K8 Islington	1,557	30	27	66	50	36	25	12
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	999	18	22	27	22	20	17	13
5A5 Kingston	735	20	18	39	33	25	20	9
5LD Lambeth	2,732	41	44	76	75	39	34	18
5LF Lewisham	2,262	39	32	67	76	50	31	15
5C5 Newham	2,185	34	22	43	60	51	34	16
5NA Redbridge	1,508	28	18	42	50	37	26	13
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	654	17	16	35	28	18	12	8
5LE Southwark	2,855	43	40	73	74	57	38	18
5M7 Sutton & Merton	1,724	22	20	46	41	26	16	10
5C4 Tower Hamlets	1,733	27	23	45	51	34	21	13
5NC Waltham Forest	1,659	32	24	52	61	43	26	13
5LG Wandsworth Teaching	1,760	22	29	46	39	22	15	12
5LC Westminster	1,372	18	15	27	26	21	20	11
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA	13,429	18	16	34	31	23	15	7
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	1,359	22	24	40	30	30	21	10
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	833	17	17	32	27	25	11	7
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,390	18	18	32	33	26	15	6
5P8 Hastings & Rother	501	19	22	37	35	22	17	7
5L3 Medway Teaching	1,037	21	21	38	39	25	17	7
5P5 Surrey	3,184	17	14	32	30	19	14	8
5P9 West Kent	2,056	18	14	32	32	24	14	7
5P6 West Sussex	2,069	17	13	35	29	22	14	6
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA	12,707	16	15	30	28	21	14	7
5QG Berkshire East	1,572	19	12	30	33	26	17	10
5QF Berkshire West	1,685	18	16	34	33	23	16	8
5QD Buckinghamshire	1,367	16	14	25	29	22	12	7
5QC Hampshire	3,250	15	15	31	26	19	12	5
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	282	13	17	24	25	14	9	5
5CQ Milton Keynes	993	22	22	40	40	30	19	8
5QE Oxfordshire	1,858	15	13	25	23	18	13	7
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	820	18	19	31	30	22	17	8
5L1 Southampton City	880	16	24	30	22	18	12	7

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SOUTH WEST SHA	13,361	15	15	28	27	19	12	6
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	469	13	14	22	20	17	11	7
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,066	18	15	31	33	26	16	7
5QJ Bristol	1,644	17	22	29	25	20	13	8
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,136	14	15	25	25	17	12	5
5QQ Devon	1,506	13	14	23	22	17	10	5
5QM Dorset	760	14	11	26	27	20	10	5
5QH Gloucestershire	1,534	15	14	24	30	19	14	5
5M8 North Somerset	450	15	11	24	28	18	16	5
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	816	16	20	29	26	23	12	5
5QL Somerset	1,193	15	15	28	30	17	10	5
5A3 South Gloucestershire	665	15	19	33	27	18	12	4
5K3 Swindon	665	18	19	40	35	20	14	6
TAL Torbay	447	21	21	61	36	25	15	7
5QK Wiltshire	1,010	14	14	27	30	14	10	5
WALES	8,430	15	17	30	27	20	11	5
6B1 Angelsey	148	13	13	27	34	13	8	4
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	197	16	17	31	35	20	8	4
6B3 Bridgend	414	18	17	44	32	23	15	4
6B2 Caerphilly	558	18	17	30	35	26	12	5
6A8 Cardiff	1,153	14	15	26	21	19	13	7
6B7 Carmarthen	401	13	13	28	26	17	10	4
6A4 Ceredigion	177	11	15	19	15	15	7	5
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	Purchaser (%)			Gestation weeks (%)			Sexual Health Indicator			Repeat abortions	
	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	0-9	10-12	13+	Total NHS funded abortions	NHS funded abortions at under 10 weeks	Percentage of all NHS funded abortions under 10 weeks	Percentage of previous abortions in women aged under 25	
ENGLAND & WALES	39	48	13	68	22	11	167,822	108,996	64.9	23	
ENGLAND	38	48	14	68	21	11	160,244	104,663	65.3	24	
NORTH EAST SHA	93	1	6	63	25	12	6,633	4,124	62	18	
5ND County Durham	91	2	7	65	23	12	1,054	664	63	14	
5J9 Darlington	93	..	..	69	23	8	314	218	69	16
5KF Gateshead	92	..	..	60	25	15	394	235	60	19
5D9 Hartlepool	96	..	..	75	18	8	323	240	74	22
5KM Middlesbrough	94	..	..	68	18	14	462	311	67	19
5D7 Newcastle	94	1	5	61	28	11	962	582	61	15	
5E1 North Tees	95	..	..	74	18	9	555	408	74	23
5D8 North Tyneside	92	..	..	53	30	16	500	262	52	24
TAC Northumberland & Care Trust	92	..	..	61	26	13	600	356	59	24
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	93	..	..	72	17	12	338	240	71	15
5KG South Tyneside	93	..	..	55	35	9	366	194	53	19
5KL Sunderland Teaching	91	2	7	56	30	14	765	414	54	17	
NORTH WEST SHA	48	43	9	63	25	13	20,638	12,505	61	21	
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	69	19	11	57	30	14	827	438	53	17	
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	85	5	9	73	19	8	432	309	72	21	
5HP Blackpool	4	89	7	61	25	14	462	279	60	27	
5HQ Bolton	53	39	9	68	19	12	938	632	67	18	
5JX Bury	28	61	11	77	16	7	605	457	76	25	
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	34	54	12	53	33	14	987	482	49	17	
5NG Central Lancashire	33	55	12	66	22	13	1,078	688	64	18	
5NE Cumbria	88	7	5	65	23	12	1,111	713	64	15	
5NH East Lancashire	88	4	8	70	19	11	1,060	728	69	20	
5NM Halton & St Helens	32	61	6	64	23	13	849	535	63	19	
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	39	50	11	62	25	14	592	346	58	18	
5J4 Knowsley	66	29	5	54	32	14	487	262	54	29	
5NL Liverpool	63	29	7	57	29	14	1,633	910	56	26	
5NT Manchester	24	68	8	63	26	12	2,555	1,556	61	25	
5NF North Lancashire	38	54	8	65	23	12	705	445	63	15	
5J5 Oldham	67	18	15	61	28	11	564	318	56	20	
5F5 Salford Teaching	66	23	11	62	27	11	844	496	59	24	
5NJ Sefton	67	23	10	61	27	11	674	401	60	24	
5F7 Stockport	43	47	10	50	32	18	740	337	46	24	
5LH Tameside & Glossop	18	72	10	53	31	16	766	384	50	17	
5NR Trafford	24	64	12	56	28	16	607	314	52	26	
5J2 Warrington	3	85	12	67	23	11	536	343	64	19	
5NN West Cheshire	65	28	7	64	25	11	547	341	62	19	
5NK Wirrel	54	43	3	76	14	10	1,039	791	76	22	
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA	56	31	13	59	29	12	13,928	7,658	55	21	
5JE Barnsley	76	11	14	55	30	15	546	268	49	18	
5NY Bradford & Airedale	63	24	13	53	36	11	1,441	705	49	21	
5J6 Calderdale	78	5	17	58	30	13	471	244	52	18	
5N5 Doncaster	5	92	3	75	14	12	1,090	816	75	29	
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	79	10	12	49	41	11	572	248	43	11	
5NX Hull	87	8	5	40	51	9	862	316	37	18	
5N2 Kirklees	6	80	14	66	22	12	1,009	629	62	21	
5N1 Leeds	51	29	20	58	29	13	2,199	1,104	50	21	
5AN North East Lincolnshire	95	..	..	70	21	9	571	398	70	23
5EF North Lincolnshire	88	..	..	48	33	19	364	163	45	14
5NV North Yorkshire & York	56	26	17	66	25	9	1,453	897	62	19	
5H8 Rotherham	90	4	6	64	22	14	771	490	64	26	
5N4 Sheffield	85	3	12	47	38	16	1,629	670	41	24	
5N3 Wakefield District	3	85	12	76	12	11	950	710	75	19	

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ENGLAND	38	48	14	68	21	11	160,244	104,663	65.3	24
EAST MIDLANDS SHA	72	20	8	60	29	11	11,204	6,490	58	20
5ET Bassetlaw	77	18	5	56	31	13	239	131	55	17
5N7 Derby City	89	4	7	65	26	9	776	504	65	19
5N6 Derbyshire County	82	10	8	63	25	12	1,495	919	62	17
5PC Leicester City	69	23	8	57	31	12	1,335	743	56	22
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	66	24	10	60	30	11	1,406	794	57	19
5N9 Lincolnshire	89	4	7	61	30	10	1,354	800	59	16
5PD Northamptonshire	52	40	9	60	28	12	1,894	1,106	58	22
5EM Nottingham City	68	27	6	60	31	10	1,273	743	58	24
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	75	14	10	55	33	12	1,432	750	52	17
WEST MIDLANDS SHA	11	81	8	67	21	13	18,748	12,298	66	24
5PG Birmingham East & North	2	91	7	71	17	12	1,780	1,257	71	24
5MD Coventry Teaching	2	97	1	73	17	11	1,818	1,317	72	31
5PE Dudley	2	88	10	64	22	14	885	555	63	23
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	2	89	9	73	16	11	1,841	1,333	72	24
5CN Herefordshire	86	4	10	76	16	8	284	216	76	21
5PH North Staffordshire	4	87	9	57	30	13	466	254	55	19
5PF Sandwell	2	88	10	64	22	14	1,282	796	62	27
5M2 Shropshire County	8	86	6	66	21	13	617	401	65	18
TAM Solihull	4	84	12	74	17	9	588	423	72	24
5M1 South Birmingham	2	90	8	69	19	13	1,528	1,032	68	24
5PK South Staffordshire	54	33	13	58	25	17	1,556	854	55	24
5PJ Stoke on Trent	4	90	5	51	33	16	795	395	50	21
5MK Telford & Wrekin	4	91	5	69	19	12	533	361	68	24
5M3 Walsall Teaching	62	27	11	58	30	12	812	450	55	23
5PM Warwickshire	2	95	2	71	17	12	1,657	1,183	71	28
5MV Wolverhampton City	6	86	9	64	23	12	1,043	659	63	24
5PL Worcestershire	1	89	10	66	22	12	1,263	812	64	18
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA	52	36	12	70	22	9	14,539	9,802	67	23
5P2 Bedfordshire	59	31	10	61	25	14	1,050	616	59	21
5PP Cambridgeshire	83	8	9	68	22	10	1,206	807	67	18
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	10	74	17	80	13	7	1,334	1,034	78	25
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	89	6	5	63	30	7	526	331	63	17
5GC Luton Teaching	55	37	8	66	23	11	869	559	64	28
5PX Mid Essex	28	58	14	71	22	8	853	582	68	19
5PQ Norfolk	89	6	5	69	23	8	1,645	1,132	69	22
5PW North East Essex	49	32	18	64	27	9	613	368	60	18
5PN Peterborough	74	20	6	52	36	12	653	327	50	19
5P1 South East Essex	61	29	10	75	16	9	983	734	75	25
5PY South West Essex	25	62	13	78	15	8	1,394	1,061	76	25
5PT Suffolk	87	3	11	56	35	9	1,155	608	53	22
5PV West Essex	33	45	23	69	23	8	776	498	64	27
5P4 West Hertfordshire	22	61	17	79	12	9	1,482	1,145	77	25

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Residents	percentages									
	Purchaser (%)			Gestation weeks (%)			Sexual Health Indicator			Repeat abortions
	Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	0-9	10-12	13+	Total NHS funded abortions	NHS funded abortions at under 10 weeks	Percentage of all NHS funded abortions under 10 weeks	Percentage of previous abortions in women aged under 25
ENGLAND & WALES	39	48	13	68	22	11	167,822	108,996	64.9	23
ENGLAND	38	48	14	68	21	11	160,244	104,663	65.3	24
LONDON SHA	23	54	23	73	17	10	39,239	26,870	69	29
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	2	85	14	81	11	9	1,173	933	80	31
5A9 Barnet	7	72	21	81	11	8	1,466	1,165	80	29
TAK Bexley Care Trust	45	31	24	64	27	9	738	420	57	24
5K5 Brent Teaching	3	81	16	84	9	7	1,974	1,629	83	29
5A7 Bromley	9	70	21	77	16	7	985	741	75	30
5K7 Camden	21	45	33	72	19	10	869	551	63	26
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	71	8	21	66	24	11	1,638	979	60	32
5K9 Croydon	1	88	11	80	12	7	2,059	1,662	81	30
5HX Ealing	4	53	42	61	21	18	1,158	480	42	27
5C1 Enfield	41	36	24	64	25	11	1,397	810	58	33
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	45	31	24	67	25	9	1,393	826	59	30
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	13	61	26	75	17	9	921	653	71	31
5C9 Haringey teaching	36	39	25	66	22	12	1,327	821	62	32
5K6 Harrow	1	84	15	84	9	8	1,052	872	83	30
5A4 Havering	2	85	14	82	9	9	829	672	81	29
5AT Hillingdon	8	74	19	74	15	11	1,182	835	71	26
5HY Hounslow	8	66	26	68	19	14	1,130	685	61	25
5K8 Islington	20	56	24	71	18	11	1,177	772	66	27
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	54	6	40	78	15	8	603	430	71	25
5A5 Kingston	3	82	15	77	15	9	623	464	75	25
5LD Lambeth	11	67	22	71	19	10	2,138	1,405	66	35
5LF Lewisham	14	69	17	72	18	10	1,872	1,297	69	34
5C5 Newham	62	7	31	62	23	15	1,508	817	54	30
5NA Redbridge	2	78	20	83	9	8	1,205	990	82	30
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	42	26	32	75	15	10	446	294	66	22
5LE Southwark	13	68	19	73	17	10	2,314	1,597	69	33
5M7 Sutton & Merton	29	48	22	69	20	11	1,337	855	64	29
5C4 Tower Hamlets	64	17	19	76	15	9	1,399	1,011	72	26
5NC Waltham Forest	3	69	28	67	22	12	1,193	701	59	23
5LG Wandsworth Teaching	31	38	31	73	19	9	1,223	810	66	33
5LC Westminster	42	24	34	80	13	7	910	693	76	24
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA	10	79	11	76	15	9	11,986	9,014	75	23
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	1	88	10	78	14	7	1,217	941	77	26
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	33	52	15	67	22	11	709	457	65	19
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	2	90	7	79	13	9	2,220	1,731	78	21
5P8 Hastings & Rother	16	82	3	67	21	12	487	326	67	20
5L3 Medway Teaching	4	89	7	77	14	10	960	729	76	22
5P5 Surrey	5	82	13	81	12	8	2,755	2,193	80	25
5P9 West Kent	3	87	11	80	13	8	1,840	1,459	79	23
5P6 West Sussex	34	53	13	68	22	10	1,798	1,178	66	23
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA	26	64	10	76	15	10	11,423	8,540	75	23
5QG Berkshire East	2	81	17	79	12	10	1,309	1,008	77	26
5QF Berkshire West	1	85	14	82	10	8	1,452	1,176	81	24
5QD Buckinghamshire	8	79	13	72	16	12	1,190	836	70	24
5QC Hampshire	30	62	8	78	13	9	2,975	2,312	78	20
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	81	13	6	64	27	9	265	164	62	16
5CQ Milton Keynes	3	88	9	67	18	14	908	601	66	24
5QE Oxfordshire	31	61	9	77	14	9	1,700	1,304	77	24
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	91	5	4	77	14	8	786	606	77	21
5L1 Southampton City	68	28	5	65	25	11	838	533	64	22

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Residents											percentages
Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Purchaser (%)			Gestation weeks (%)			Sexual Health Indicator			Repeat abortions	
	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	0-9	10-12	13+	Total NHS funded abortions	NHS funded abortions at under 10 weeks	Percentage of all NHS funded abortions under 10 weeks	Percentage of previous abortions in women aged under 25	
ENGLAND & WALES	39	48	13	68	22	11	167,822	108,996	64.9	23	
ENGLAND	38	48	14	68	21	11	160,244	104,663	65.3	24	
SOUTH WEST SHA	61	28	11	64	25	11	11,906	7,362	62	20	
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	55	29	16	69	23	8	396	259	65	18	
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	35	58	7	75	17	9	990	746	75	23	
5QJ Bristol	63	19	18	59	29	12	1,342	707	53	22	
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	86	7	7	57	34	10	1,060	590	56	18	
5QQ Devon	72	18	9	66	25	9	1,366	870	64	15	
5QM Dorset	55	35	10	62	27	12	684	415	61	19	
5QH Gloucestershire	86	5	10	70	20	10	1,388	957	69	22	
5M8 North Somerset	61	16	23	57	27	16	346	166	48	24	
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	92	5	3	63	28	9	788	492	62	21	
5QL Somerset	73	12	15	47	39	14	1,011	404	40	19	
5A3 South Gloucestershire	63	18	20	60	25	16	533	282	53	19	
5K3 Swindon	..	95	..	81	11	8	637	517	81	27	
TAL Torbay	..	73	..	67	21	12	431	287	67	18	
5QK Wiltshire	22	71	8	73	17	10	934	670	72	20	
WALES	58	32	10	60	29	11	7,578	4,333	57	19	
6B1 Angelsey	..	82	..	52	32	16	131	66	50	..	
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	51	42	8	66	25	10	182	115	63	17	
6B3 Bridgend	90	3	7	63	25	12	384	238	62	16	
6B2 Caerphilly	47	46	7	63	26	11	518	318	61	22	
6A8 Cardiff	74	6	20	47	36	17	928	353	38	22	
6B7 Carmarthen	89	3	9	57	35	8	366	201	55	18	
6A4 Ceredigion	92	..	..	..	..	5	168	127	76	15
6A7 Conwy	..	91	..	60	24	16	276	161	58	11	
6C1 Denbighshire	..	92	..	55	29	16	238	129	54	18	
6B5 Flintshire	6	85	9	63	26	11	384	239	62	16	
6A2 Gwynedd	7	86	8	62	26	12	257	157	61	14	
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	81	10	9	..	..	10	146	69	47	..
6A1 Monmouth	35	52	13	66	25	9	173	107	62	21	
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	94	..	..	67	27	7	397	259	65	22
6B9 Newport	39	53	7	67	20	12	450	298	66	16	
6A3 Pembroke	81	9	10	68	25	8	262	172	66	24	
6C4 Powys	71	16	13	71	20	9	239	168	70	14	
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	89	3	9	54	39	7	668	348	52	18	
6A6 Swansea	89	2	9	59	33	9	466	258	55	20	
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	75	6	19	52	35	13	292	134	46	20	
6C3 Torfaen	48	45	8	72	20	8	292	208	71	25	
6B4 Wrexham	..	93	..	59	25	16	361	208	58	22	

.. Percentages are suppressed where totals are less than 10 (0-9) and where a presented percentage would reveal the suppressed value.

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100

Table 12a Legal abortions: non residents by country of residence, 2006

	total	percentages
All non-residents	7,436	100%
Country of residence ¹		
United Kingdom		
Northern Ireland	1,295	17.4
Scotland	362	4.9
Isle of Man	124	1.7
Jersey	15	0.2
Guernsey	12	0.2
European countries		
Irish Republic	5,042	67.8
Denmark	8	0.1
France	41	0.6
Germany	18	0.2
Greece	5	0.1
Italy	202	2.7
Malta	55	0.7
Norway	8	0.1
Poland	10	0.1
Portugal	10	0.1
Spain	13	0.2
Switzerland	6	0.1
Other	22	0.3
Rest of the world		
Australia	10	0.1
Bahrain	13	0.2
Canada	5	0.1
Japan	6	0.1
Kuwait	9	0.1
Nigeria	5	0.1
Qatar	7	0.1
Saudi Arabia	5	0.1
UAE	63	0.8
USA	20	0.3
Other	45	0.6

¹ Specific countries shown only where there are 5 or more cases

Table 12b Legal abortions: non residents by (i) age, (ii) statutory grounds and (iii) gestation, 2006

		total	percentages
All non-residents		7,436	100%
<i>(i) Age</i>			
	Under 18	416	6
	18 - 19	637	9
	20 - 24	2,123	29
	25 - 29	1,906	26
	30 - 34	1,217	16
	35 - 39	795	11
	40 and over	342	5
<i>(ii) Statutory grounds</i>			
	C (alone)	7,350	99
	Other	86	1
<i>(iii) Gestation weeks</i>			
	4-9	4,672	63
	10-12	1,457	20
	13-19	1,011	14
	20 and over	296	4

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

Table 12c Legal abortions, country of residence by age and gestation, 2006

		Scotland	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic
All ages	numbers	362	1,295	5,042
	under 16	} 33	23	39
	16 - 17		78	194
	18 - 19	41	112	419
	20 - 24	91	361	1,505
	25 - 29	73	301	1,370
	30 - 34	59	193	824
	35 - 39	51	147	491
	40 & Over	14	80	200
Gestation weeks	%	(100%)	(100%)	(100%)
	4 - 9	52	63	66
	10 - 12	9	23	21
	13 - 19	14	12	12
	20 & Over	25	2	2

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100

Appendix A

Changes introduced with the new abortion notification form, following a consultation exercise undertaken in 2000, are shown in the table below. A blank entry in the right hand column indicates an item that remains unchanged.

Notification form 1991-2002	Notification form 2002 onwards – changes to items
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Name and address of operating practitioner and certifying practitioner(s)	
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Patient details

Name	Revised: Hospital/clinic number or name
Address	Revised: Postcode or complete address
Date of birth	
Marital status	<i>Single</i> expanded further with sub-category “ <i>single not stated</i> ” added in 2003
Parity (previous live births, stillbirths, spontaneous miscarriages, legal terminations)	<i>previous live births, stillbirths</i> replaced by previous pregnancies resulting in live birth(s) or stillbirth(s); ectopic pregnancies included with miscarriages
	New item: ethnicity, using 2001 Census categories

Treatment details

Name and address of place of termination	
Whether patient was an NHS case terminated in an approved place under an agency agreement	Revised: whether NHS or privately funded
Gestation period and method of estimation	Revised: method of estimation no longer collected
Statutory grounds for terminating pregnancy	
Medical condition of woman or diagnosis or suspected medical condition of fetus	
Date of admission to place of termination	
Date of termination	
Date of discharge from place of termination	
Method of termination	Feticide now separately identified
Whether selective termination of a multiple pregnancy	
Whether sterilisation performed	No longer collected
Complications prior to notification	Changed: complications prior to discharge
In case of death, date and cause	
	New item: whether chlamydia screening offered

Appendix B

Key recommendations from the National Statistics Disclosure Review

Recommendation 1: Within a release of abortion statistics unsafe cells are defined as being counts of abortions that are:

- zero unless no other value is logically possible
- less than 5 for Government Office Region in England, the country of Wales or any larger geography
- less than 10 for any geography below the Government Office Region in England or the country of Wales
- less than 10 for highly sensitive variables
- associated with either 1 or 2 practitioners
- associated with either 1 or 2 hospitals

The variables that are considered highly sensitive are:

- Young ages (<15)
- Late gestation (over 24 weeks)
- Procedure by gestation
- Medical conditions

Recommendation 2: Simple calculations such as rates or percentages do not necessarily make an unsafe cell safe and should not be used to protect data unless it can be demonstrated that one cannot work back to the original count. In order to keep statistical disclosure control rules clear and consistent for abortion statistics rates or percentages should only be calculated from safe cells.

Recommendation 3: In order to ensure that unsafe cells in the abortion statistics are disguised table design should be used as a preliminary protection method. Redesign should be implemented taking into account the information required by the main users of the data.

Recommendation 4: Statistics should only be constructed using area of residence rather than place of termination thus reducing the risk of disclosure from counts of events that are associated with 1 or 2 practitioners/hospitals.

Recommendation 5: If unsafe cells exist in tables after redesign these should be removed using suppression methods (primary and secondary).

Recommendation 6: In order to avoid resource intensive analysis of disclosure by differencing the abortions data should not in general be published on geographies that are non-coterminous with SHA/region/PCO/LHB or for non-standard variable categories.

Recommendation 7: In order to release more detail some data should be published aggregated over a number of years. To keep the methods for disclosure control clear, consistent and easy to implement the recommendation is made that rolling aggregates are not produced but years are aggregated independently.

Recommendation 8: The guidelines should be implemented for all published outputs of abortion data e.g. in cases where the data published can be used to make direct inferences about abortions. The guidelines should be implemented as soon as possible. The DH and ONS should work together in order to implement these guidelines for the annual bulletin release for 2003 and 2004.

Recommendation 9: Users should be made aware of what constitutes an unsafe cell within the abortion statistics. The user should also be told that the method used to protect the table is predominantly table redesign used to minimise the number of unsafe cells that require suppression. The impact on the quality of the data will be that in some cases less detail will be displayed and suppressions will mean that some information is removed from the table.