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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/012712 – Abortion

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Role of person giving information - Clinical Director, Woman and Children Department

Do you provide medical abortions at home? To what gestation?

Do you provide medical abortion in hospital? To what gestation?

Do you provide surgical abortion under general anaesthetic? To what gestation?

Do you provide surgical abortion under local anaesthetic (e.g. MVA)? To what gestation?

Do you offer surgical abortion to women with fetal anomalies diagnosed in the second trimester via the obstetric service? To what gestation?

If you do not provide all methods of abortion (medical, surgical under local and general), do you offer patients that choice and refer them to another provider?

Do you offer a full range of long acting contraception (i.e. implant, Mirena, IUCD) at the time of the surgical procedure?

Is counselling from a trained counselor available in clinic, before, during or after the termination?

For follow up with medical abortion, do you offer telephone clinics, hospital visit or a choice?

Do other providers offer abortions to your population? If so, who?

We undertake termination of pregnancy for women diagnosed with fetal abnormality. Surgical termination under general anaesthesia is offered up to 12 weeks gestation and thereafter medical termination is recommended (a two stage treatment with all medication prescribed and administered in hospital).

We can offer fitting of a Mirena or IUCD at the time of surgery, but for the group of patients we treat it would usually not be requested. Support and counselling is provided by our specialist midwives. Any follow-up is undertaken by obstetric staff with advice provided for future pregnancy.

Termination of pregnancy services are offered by other organisation such as Marie Stopes.

The Trust rarely provides termination of pregnancy for reasons other than fetal anomaly (only in the circumstances of medically complex patients requiring hospital services rather than clinic services) as this service is accessible through primary care.