



# Statistical Bulletin

## Abortion Statistics, England and Wales: 2007

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 2007.

### KEY FACTS

In 2007, for women resident in England and Wales:

- the total number of abortions was 198,500, compared with 193,700 in 2006, a rise of 2.5%
- the age-standardised abortion rate was 18.6 per 1,000 resident women aged 15-44, compared with 18.3 in 2006
- the abortion rate was highest at 36 per 1,000, for women age 19
- the under-16 abortion rate was 4.4 and the under-18 rate was 19.8 per 1,000 women, both higher than in 2006
- 89% of abortions were funded by the NHS; of these, just over half (57%) took place in the independent sector under NHS contract
- 90% of abortions were carried out at under 13 weeks gestation; 70% were at under 10 weeks
- medical abortions accounted for 35% of the total compared with 30% in 2006
- 1,900 abortions (1%) were under ground E, risk that the child would be born handicapped

Non-residents:

- in 2007, there were 7,100 abortions for non-residents carried out in hospitals and clinics in England and Wales (7,400 in 2006)

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## 1. Introduction

1.1 This is the sixth Statistical Bulletin presenting statistics of legally induced abortions in England and Wales and covers those that took place in 2007. 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 and 2006 were published in the June of the following year. 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

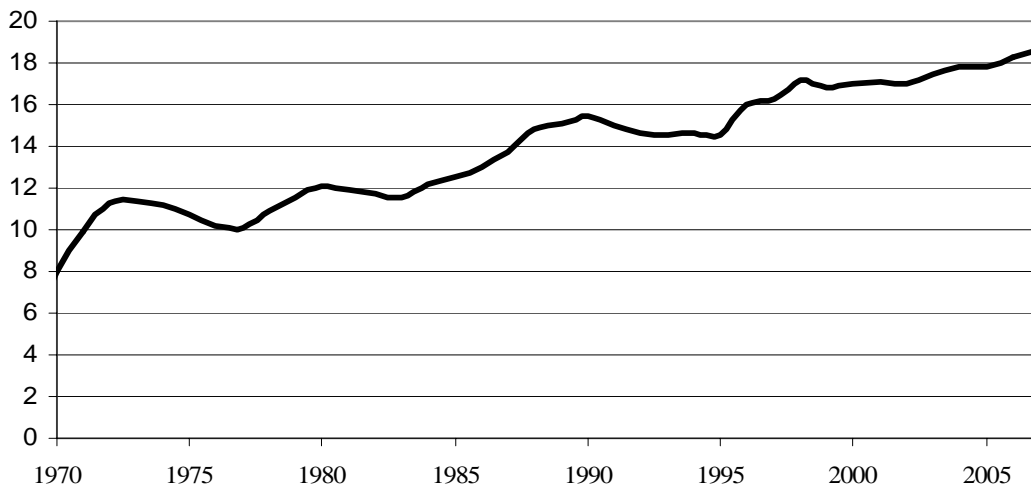
2.1 Incomplete and incorrectly completed forms are returned to practitioners for completion and clarification. In a very small number of cases (about one-quarter of one percent), the information remains unavailable at the time of publication. Date of birth was missing from 71 records in 2007, gestation information from 123, postcodes from 69 and grounds from 69.

2.2 Records with missing ages were assigned to the 20-24 age group. Missing gestations were imputed as 6, 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 2007 at a national level and at PCT level are calculated using 2006 mid-year population estimates for England, Wales, England and 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 2007**

Rate



### 3. Overview

3.1 In total there were 205,598 abortions notified as taking place in England and Wales in 2007.

3.2 There were 198,499 abortions to residents of England and Wales in 2007. This represents a rate 18.6 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 2007 it was 18.6 (see *Figure 1* and Table 1).

3.3 In 2007, there were 7,099 abortions to residents of other countries, principally Northern Ireland (19%) and the Irish Republic (66%). This is about 340 fewer than in 2006. The number of abortions to non-residents remained between 9,000 and 10,000 in the period 1995 to 2003. The 2007 total is the lowest in any year since 1969 (see Table 1 and Table 12).

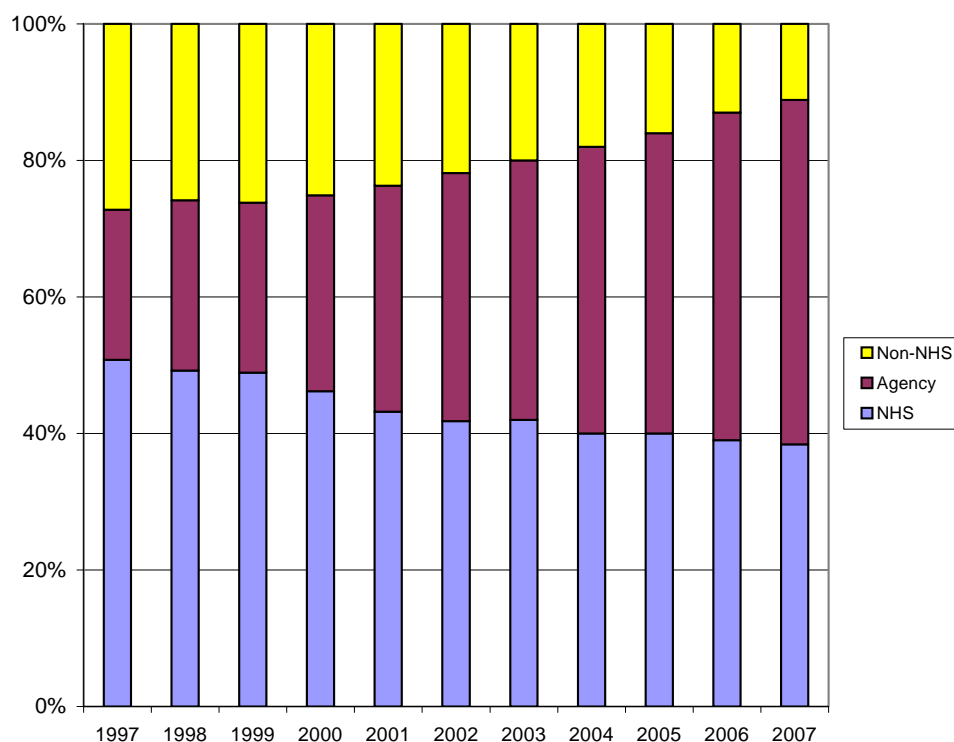
### 4. Analysis and commentary (England and Wales residents only)

#### 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 2007, 38% of abortions were performed in NHS hospitals and 50% in approved independent sector places under NHS contract (NHS Agency), making a total of 89% of abortions funded by the NHS. The remaining 11% 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 2007



## 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 2007, the vast majority (98%) of abortions were undertaken under ground C and a further 1% under ground D. A similar proportion were carried out under ground E. Grounds A and B together accounted for less than 1% of abortions. The proportion of ground C abortions has risen steadily since 1996, with a corresponding reduction in ground D cases. (See Table 3ii.) 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 (39%) of cases under ground E, congenital malformations in about 46%. The most commonly reported anomalies were of the nervous system (24% of all ground E cases) and the musculoskeletal system (6%); Down's syndrome (23% 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).

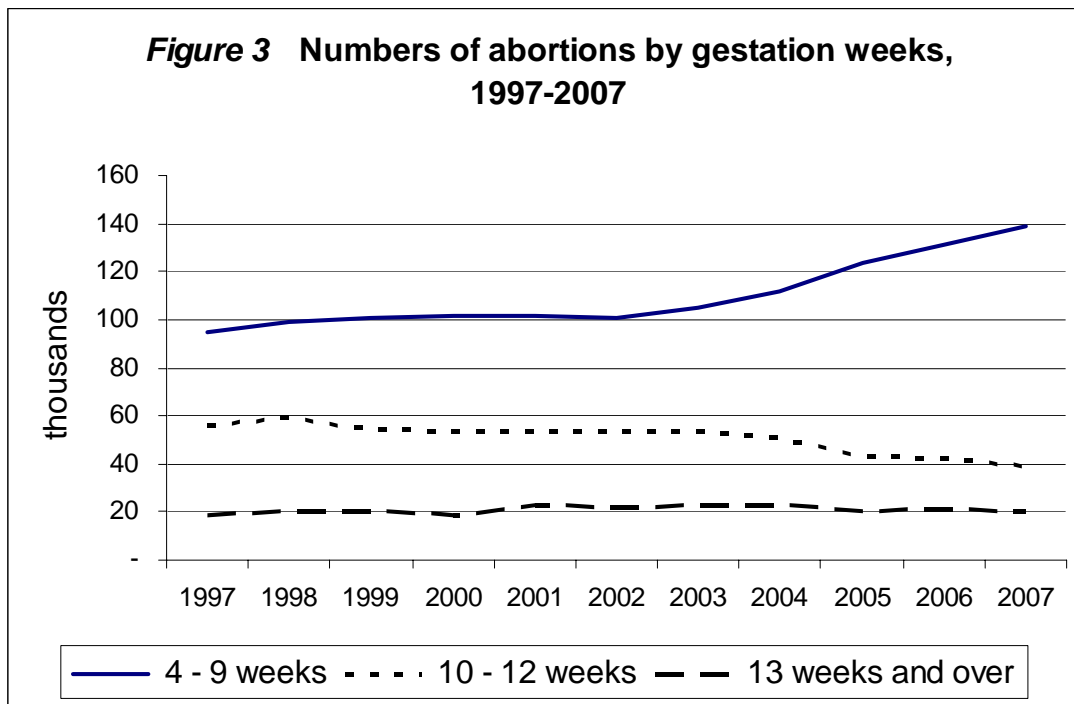
4.2.4 As in 2006 and each year since 1999, fewer than 10 abortions under ground E in 2007 were associated with rubella.

## 4.3 Gestation period

4.3.1 The vast majority of abortions are performed at under 13 weeks gestation. In 2007, about 70% were at under 10 weeks and a further 20% at 10-12 weeks. The proportion at 13 weeks or more was 10% in 2007. The corresponding percentages for 2006 were 68%, 22% and 11% 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

**Figure 3 Numbers of abortions by gestation weeks, 1997-2007**



increases the later the gestation. In 2001, the Government set a standard of a maximum waiting time of 3 weeks. Significant investment was made to improve early access and PCOs' performance in this area was measured as part of the Healthcare Commission's annual healthcheck until 2006/7. The latest data for 2007 show that progress continues to be made to increase early access: 68% of NHS funded abortions took place at under 10 weeks compared with 51% in 2002. This represents a 33% increase in the total number of abortions taking place at under 10 weeks between 2002 and 2007 compared with a 13% rise in the total number of abortions over the same period. See Table A.

**Table A**  
Percentage of all NHS funded abortions under 10 weeks, 2002-2007.

Year	%
2002	51
2003	52
2004	56
2005	63
2006	65
2007	68

4.3.3 Abortions where gestation has exceeded its twenty-fourth week account for less than 0.1% of the total. There were 135 such abortions in 2007 (Table 5).

#### 4.4 Age

4.4.1 The abortion rate in 2007 was highest at 36 per 1,000, for women age 19. There were just over 1,170 abortions to women aged under 15 and about 730 to women aged 45 or over (see Table 4a and Figure 4).

4.4.2 The under-16 abortion rate was 4.4 in 2007 compared with 3.9 in 2006 and the under-18 rate was 19.8 in 2007 compared to 18.2 in 2006. The rates for all women age under 20 were higher in 2007 than in 2006, most markedly for those age under 18. (Table 4).

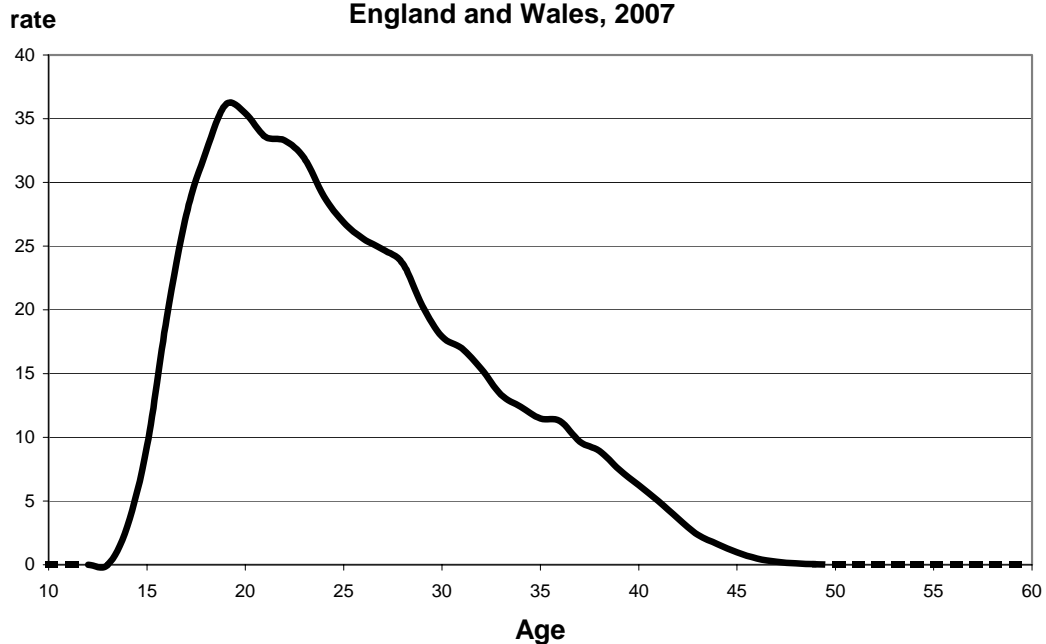
#### 4.5 Marital status

4.5.1 81% of abortions in 2007 were carried out for single women, a proportion that has risen slowly from about two thirds since 1997 (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, 2007**



ethnicity, as self-reported by the women involved; this information was not previously recorded. Ethnicity was recorded on 93% of the forms received for 2007. Of women whose ethnicity was recorded, 75% were reported as White, 11% 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 2007) varies by ethnic group. 28% of Asian women having abortions in 2007 had previously had an abortion, compared with 48% of Black women (Table B).

Asian or Asian British	28%
Black or Black British	48%
Chinese or Other ethnic group	33%
Mixed	41%
White	31%

#### 4.7 Previous abortions

4.7.1 As in 2006, 32% of women undergoing abortions in 2007 had one or more previous abortions. The proportion has risen from about 28% since 1997 (Table 3ix and Table 4b).

4.7.2 In 2007, 23% of women aged under 25 having an abortion, had previously had an 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 2007, 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 35% of the total in 2007. 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 for 60% of abortions in 2007 and Dilatation and Evacuation (D&E) alone in about 5% (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 2007, 66% of abortions performed at 22 weeks and over were reported as preceded by a feticide and 27% were performed by a method whereby the fetal heart is stopped as part of the procedure. 3% of abortions at 22 weeks or beyond were confirmed as having no feticide. For the remaining 3%, at the time of publication, we had not been able to confirm whether feticide had been performed.

#### 4.10 Length of stay

4.10.1 In 2007, about 700 (0.4%) 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, 2007

Gestation weeks	(100%)
under 10	18%
10 -12	11%
13-19	13%
20 and over	58%

#### 4.11 Complications

4.11.1 Complications were reported in about 370 cases in 2007, a rate of about 2 in every thousand abortions, slightly lower than in 2005 and 2006 (Table 8).

#### 4.12 Selective terminations

4.12.1 In 2007, there were 47 abortions which were selective terminations. In 31 cases, 2 fetuses were reduced to 1 fetus.

4.12.2 In 2007, about two thirds (68%) of the selective terminations were performed under ground 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 2007 shows that 73% of women aged under 25 having abortions in 2007 were offered chlamydia screening. This is little different to the proportion of all women screened which in 2007 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 2007 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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Data for 1991 to 2001 can be found on the Office for National Statistics website.

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Table 1 Legal abortions: resident status and purchaser, 1968 to 2007

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 <sup>1</sup>	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
2007	205,598	198,499	75,518	100,195	22,786	18.6	17.9	7,099

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents		numbers			
	All ages <sup>1</sup>	Under 20	20-34	35 and over	
All legal abortions	<b>198,499</b>	<b>43,955</b>	<b>125,924</b>	<b>28,620</b>	
<b>(i) Purchaser</b>					
NHS	<b>75,518</b>	19,186	46,612	9,720	
NHS agency	<b>100,195</b>	23,112	63,873	13,210	
Non-NHS	<b>22,786</b>	1,657	15,439	5,690	
<b>(ii) Statutory grounds</b>					
A (alone or with B, C or D) or F or G	<b>112</b>	19	71	22	
B (alone)	<b>385</b>	101	223	61	
B (with C or D)	<b>237</b>	48	146	43	
C (alone)	<b>193,592</b>	43,493	122,779	27,320	
D (alone, or with C)	<b>2,234</b>	206	1,596	432	
E (alone or with A, B, C, or D)	<b>1,939</b>	88	1,109	742	
<b>(iii) Gestation weeks</b>					
3 - 9	<b>139,144</b>	28,097	89,761	21,286	
10 - 12	<b>38,998</b>	10,109	24,089	4,800	
13 -19	<b>17,430</b>	4,954	10,308	2,168	
20 and over	<b>2,927</b>	795	1,766	366	
<b>(iv) Procedure</b>					
Surgical	<b>129,972</b>	29,335	81,716	18,921	
Medical	<b>68,527</b>	14,620	44,208	9,699	
<b>(v) Marital status</b>					
Single no partner	<b>56,325</b>	16,477	35,244	4,604	
Single with partner	<b>75,414</b>	18,524	49,489	7,401	
Single not stated	<b>14,352</b>	4,322	8,868	1,162	
Married/civil partnership	<b>29,325</b>	323	18,068	10,934	
Separated/widowed/divorced	<b>5,404</b>	145	3,112	2,147	
Not known & not stated	<b>17,679</b>	4,164	11,143	2,372	
<b>(vi) Ethnicity</b>					
White - British	<b>125,668</b>	32,610	74,920	18,138	
White - Irish	<b>812</b>	108	557	147	
White - Any other White background	<b>12,432</b>	1,182	9,421	1,829	
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	<b>1,791</b>	636	1,046	109	
Mixed - White and Black African	<b>759</b>	167	514	78	
Mixed - White and Asian	<b>625</b>	158	390	77	
Mixed - Any Other	<b>1,712</b>	410	1,123	179	
Asian or Asian British - Indian	<b>5,561</b>	424	4,202	935	
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	<b>3,043</b>	324	2,197	522	
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	<b>1,542</b>	214	1,141	187	
Asian - Any other Asian background	<b>5,021</b>	435	3,660	926	
Black or Black British - Caribbean	<b>5,896</b>	1,258	3,771	867	
Black or Black British - African	<b>13,312</b>	1,755	9,638	1,919	
Black or Black British - Any other	<b>1,302</b>	302	852	148	
Chinese	<b>2,328</b>	176	1,826	326	
Any other ethnic group	<b>2,451</b>	287	1,744	420	
Not known/not stated	<b>14,244</b>	3,509	8,922	1,813	
<b>(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or still birth)</b>					
0	<b>105,262</b>	38,888	61,695	4,679	
1+	<b>93,237</b>	5,067	64,229	23,941	
<b>(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies</b>					
0	<b>169,952</b>	42,169	106,915	20,868	
1+	<b>28,547</b>	1,786	19,009	7,752	
<b>(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act</b>					
0	<b>134,269</b>	38,058	79,640	16,571	
1+	<b>64,230</b>	5,897	46,284	12,049	

<sup>1</sup> 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, 1997 to 2007

England and Wales, residents											percentages
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
All legal abortions ( =100% )	170,145	177,871	173,701	175,542	176,364	175,932	181,582	185,713	186,416	193,737	198,499
<b>(i) Purchaser</b>											
NHS	51	49	49	46	43	42	42	40	40	39	38
NHS agency	22	25	25	29	33	36	38	42	44	48	50
Non-NHS	27	26	26	25	24	22	20	18	16	13	11
<b>(ii) Statutory grounds</b>											
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	0
C (alone)	91	91	92	92	93	94	94	95	96	97	98
D (alone, or with C)	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	1
E (alone or with A, B, C, or D)	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>(iii) Gestation weeks</b>											
3 - 9	56	56	58	58	58	57	58	60	67	68	70
10 - 12	33	33	31	30	30	30	29	27	23	22	20
13 - 19	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	9	9	9
20 and over	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1
<b>(iv) Procedure</b>											
Vacuum aspiration	84	82	82	81	81	81	80	76	71	64	60
Dilatation and evacuation	8	9	8	7	6	4	3	4	5	6	5
Other surgical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	7	8	9	11	12	14	16	19	24	30	34
Other medical agent	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>(v) Marital status <sup>1</sup></b>											
Single no partner	.	.	.	.	.	25	35	31	33	32	31
Single with partner	.	.	.	.	.	17	30	29	31	36	42
Single not stated	.	.	.	.	.	32	11	17	15	12	8
<b>Single (total)</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>81</b>
Married/civil partnership	21	20	20	19	19	20	19	18	17	17	16
Separated	4	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2
Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Divorced	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1
<b>(vi) Ethnicity <sup>1</sup></b>											
Asian or Asian British	.	.	.	.	.	7	7	7	8	8	8
Black or Black British	.	.	.	.	.	12	12	13	13	12	11
White	.	.	.	.	.	75	76	75	74	75	75
Chinese or other ethnic group	.	.	.	.	.	3	3	3	3	2	3
Mixed	.	.	.	.	.	3	2	2	2	3	3
<b>(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or stillbirth)</b>											
0	54	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53
1+	46	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47
<b>(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies</b>											
0	.	.	.	.	.	87	87	86	86	86	86
1+	.	.	.	.	.	13	13	14	14	14	14
<b>(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act</b>											
0	71	71	70	70	69	69	68	68	68	68	68
1+	29	29	30	30	31	31	32	32	32	32	32

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007  
England and Wales, residents

Age <sup>1</sup>	Total	Rates per 1,000 women	Age	Total	Rates per 1,000 women
<b>All ages</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>17.9</b>			
<b>Under 15</b>	<b>1,171</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>30-34</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>15</b>
Under 14	163	.	30	6,004	18
14	1,008	3	31	5,884	17
			32	5,462	15
<b>Under 16</b>	<b>4,376</b>	<b>4</b>	33	5,004	13
<b>Under 18</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>20</b>	34	4,903	12
<b>15-19</b>	<b>42,784</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>35-39</b>	<b>19,976</b>	<b>10</b>
15	3,205	9	35	4,654	11
16	6,573	19	36	4,506	11
17	9,340	27	37	3,974	10
18	11,258	32	38	3,689	9
19	12,408	36	39	3,153	7
<b>20-24</b>	<b>56,963</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>40-44</b>	<b>7,915</b>	<b>4</b>
20	12,397	35	40	2,638	6
21	11,928	34	41	2,120	5
22	11,579	33	42	1,527	4
23	10,973	32	43	974	2
24	10,086	29	44	656	2
<b>25-29</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>45-49</b>	<b>710</b>	<b>0</b>
25	9,613	27	45	381	1
26	9,149	26	46	187	0
27	8,522	25	47	83	0
28	7,771	24	48	41	0
29	6,649	20	49	18	0
			<b>50 and over</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>.</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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 2006 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 age<sup>1</sup>, 2007

England and Wales, residents

Number of previous abortions	Total	under 18	18 - 24	25 - 29	30+
0	134,269	18,824	58,433	24,939	32,073
1	49,484	1,378	18,220	12,530	17,356
2	11,136	74	3,223	3,145	4,694
3	2,605	..	..	787	1,214
4	740	..	..	225	379
5	184	..	..	47	119
6	52	..	..	..	27
7 or more	29	..	..	..	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>80,629</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>55,877</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents

Gestation weeks	Total number of abortions	Purchaser (%)			Method (%)	
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	Medical	Surgical
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>65</b>
3 and 4	2,704	4	50	47	90	10
5	10,805	15	56	29	66	34
6	27,795	27	52	21	58	42
7	37,500	31	56	13	44	56
8	36,095	45	47	8	36	64
9	24,245	48	46	6	16	84
10	18,746	56	39	5	10	90
11	11,527	52	43	5	11	89
12	8,725	46	49	5	14	86
13	5,241	38	56	6	21	79
14	3,743	31	64	5	24	76
15	2,769	28	65	7	26	74
16	1,903	28	66	7	27	73
17	1,553	27	66	7	27	73
18	1,319	18	72	9	22	78
19	902	17	75	8	22	78
20	921	19	73	7	19	81
21	805	28	65	8	28	72
22	625	28	63	10	24	76
23 <sup>1</sup>	441	26	62	12	22	78
<b>24 and over</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>8</b>
24	29	.	.	.	..	..
25	23	.	.	.	..	..
26-27	25	.	.	.	..	..
28-31	35	.	.	.	..	..
32 and over	23	.	.	.	..	..
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>65</b>
3-8	114,899	32	52	16	48	52
9-12	63,243	51	44	5	13	87
13-19	17,430	30	63	7	24	76
20-23	2,792	25	67	9	23	77
24 and over	135	100	0	0	92	8

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Purchaser	Gestation weeks	All ages <sup>1</sup>	Under 20	20-34	35 and over
<b>Total</b>	<b>Total number (=100%)</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>43,955</b>	<b>125,924</b>	<b>28,620</b>
	3-9	70	64	71	74
	10-12	20	23	19	17
	13-19	9	11	8	8
	20 and over	1	2	1	1
<b>NHS</b>	<b>Total number (=100%)</b>	<b>75,518</b>	<b>19,186</b>	<b>46,612</b>	<b>9,720</b>
	3-9	65	64	65	63
	10-12	27	29	27	26
	13-19	7	7	6	10
	20 and over	1	0	1	2
<b>NHS agency</b>	<b>Total number (=100%)</b>	<b>100,195</b>	<b>23,112</b>	<b>63,873</b>	<b>13,210</b>
	3-9	71	63	72	77
	10-12	17	19	16	14
	13-19	11	15	10	8
	20 and over	2	3	2	1
<b>Non-NHS</b>	<b>Total number (=100%)</b>	<b>22,786</b>	<b>1,657</b>	<b>15,439</b>	<b>5,690</b>
	3-9	86	74	86	88
	10-12	8	13	8	7
	13-19	5	10	5	4
	20 and over	1	3	1	1

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Procedure	Gestation weeks					
	Total	3 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 19	20 & over
<b>Total abortions (=100%)</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>139,144</b>	<b>38,998</b>	<b>8,984</b>	<b>8,446</b>	<b>2,927</b>
<b>Surgical</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>74</b>
Vacuum Aspiration	60	57	87	65	0	0
Dilatation and Evacuation	5	1	2	12	74	51
Feticide with a surgical evacuation <sup>1</sup>	0	0	0	0	1	23
<b>Medical</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>26</b>
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	34	43	11	22	24	12
Other medical agent	0	0	0	0	1	2
Feticide with a medical evacuation	0	0	0	0	0	12

<sup>1</sup>includes 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents

numbers

Grounds	Gestation weeks				
	Total	3 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 19	20 & over
A (alone, or with B, C, D) or F or G	<b>112</b>	66	24	..	..
B (alone, or with C or D)	<b>622</b>	334	233	..	..
C (alone)	<b>193,592</b>	137,300	37,832	16,200	2,260
D (alone, or with C)	<b>2,234</b>	1,422	640	..	..
E (alone, or with A, B, C or D)	<b>1,939</b>	22	269	1,000	648
<b>Total</b>	<b>198,499</b>	139,144	38,998	17,430	2,927

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



Table 8 Legal abortions: complication<sup>1</sup> rates by procedure and gestation weeks, 2007

England and Wales, residents

complication rates per 1,000 abortions

Gestation weeks	Total all procedures	Procedure	
		Surgical	Medical
<b>Total complications (numbers)</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>213</b>	<b>160</b>
<b>Rate, all gestations</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>
3 - 9	1	1	2
10 - 12	3	2	5
13 - 19	3	2	7
20 & over	5	..	16

<sup>1</sup> 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, 2007

England and Wales, residents		numbers	
ICD-10 code <sup>1</sup>	Condition	Total	Over 24 weeks gestation
<b>Total grounds E alone or with any other</b>		<b>1,939</b>	<b>135<sup>3</sup></b>
<b>Q00-Q89</b>	<b>Congenital malformations total</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>93</b>
<b>Q00-Q07</b>	<b>the nervous system total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>59</b>
Q00	anencephaly	144	..
Q01	encephalocele	33	..
Q03	hydrocephalus	31	..
Q04	other malformations of the brain	78	19
Q05	spina bifida	117	..
Q02,Q06, Q07 <sup>2</sup>	other	70	19
<b>Q10-Q89</b>	<b>other congenital malformations total</b>	<b>412</b>	<b>34</b>
Q20-Q28	the cardiovascular system	114	..
Q30-Q34	the respiratory system	11	..
Q60-Q64	the urinary system	74	..
Q65-Q79	the musculoskeletal system	125	13
Q10-Q18, Q35-Q56, Q80-Q89 <sup>2</sup>	other	88	..
<b>Q90-Q99</b>	<b>Chromosomal abnormalities total</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>31</b>
Q90	Down's syndrome	437	..
Q910-Q913	Edwards' syndrome	129	10
Q914-Q917	Patau's syndrome	63	..
Q92-Q99 <sup>2</sup>	other	118	..
	<b>Other conditions total</b>	<b>307</b>	<b>11</b>
P00-P04	fetus affected by maternal factors	101	..
P05-P08	fetal disorders relating to gestation and growth	12	..
P832-P833	hydrops fetalis not due to haemolytic disease	32	..
Z80-Z84	family history of heritable disorder	145	..
	other *	17	..

<sup>1</sup> 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)

Figures for specific groups shown only where there are 10 or more cases in total

<sup>2</sup> Codes listed under 'other' have cases between 0 and 9 inclusive

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

.. Fewer than 10 cases (0-9) or where a presented figure would reveal a suppressed value.

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

Table 10a Legal abortions: numbers by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2007

Residents numbers

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age <sup>1</sup>					
		Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>23,666</b>	<b>56,963</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>28,620</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>189,734</b>	<b>19,246</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>54,322</b>	<b>39,997</b>	<b>26,217</b>	<b>27,495</b>
<b>NORTH EAST SHA</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>1,025</b>	<b>1,031</b>	<b>2,314</b>	<b>1,509</b>	<b>861</b>	<b>861</b>
5ND County Durham	1,186	176	170	351	231	121	137
5J9 Darlington	346	59	42	113	62	38	32
5KF Gateshead	493	63	61	146	93	75	55
5D9 Hartlepool	297	44	35	93	62	31	32
5KM Middlesbrough	526	62	72	181	109	57	45
5D7 Newcastle	1,063	105	143	356	248	113	98
5E1 North Tees	651	83	103	187	131	70	77
5D8 North Tyneside	652	95	84	196	121	68	88
TAC Northumberland	743	101	85	210	135	103	109
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	367	49	49	110	70	39	50
5KG South Tyneside	436	68	66	110	91	49	52
5KL Sunderland Teaching	841	120	121	261	156	97	86
<b>NORTH WEST SHA</b>	<b>25,025</b>	<b>3,035</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>7,668</b>	<b>4,863</b>	<b>3,105</b>	<b>2,969</b>
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	964	133	133	285	170	128	115
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	484	48	68	148	101	64	55
5HP Blackpool	501	46	63	179	105	52	56
5HQ Bolton	1,022	124	125	311	205	143	114
5JX Bury	685	86	95	212	123	84	85
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,154	157	155	334	192	152	164
5NG Central Lancashire	1,290	176	189	381	227	154	163
5NE Cumbria	1,217	178	169	348	206	145	171
5NH East Lancashire Teaching	1,275	179	187	372	218	145	174
5NM Halton & St Helens	1,090	146	189	315	187	130	123
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	695	90	92	213	129	94	77
5J4 Knowsley	751	89	97	247	146	85	87
5NL Liverpool	2,372	234	326	774	542	264	232
5NT Manchester	3,003	255	368	987	711	408	274
5NF North Lancashire Teaching	774	104	100	235	135	93	107
5J5 Oldham	746	89	90	239	142	95	91
5F5 Salford Teaching	1,008	122	130	338	207	106	105
5NJ Sefton	903	126	128	277	146	106	120
5F7 Stockport	905	114	106	262	175	118	130
5LH Tameside & Glossop	935	131	123	289	190	93	109
5NR Trafford	793	80	103	200	179	114	117
5J2 Warrington	631	64	102	178	109	96	82
5NN West Cheshire	650	99	98	186	102	82	83
5NK Wirral	1,177	165	149	358	216	154	135
<b>YORKSHIRE &amp; THE HUMBER SHA</b>	<b>16,683</b>	<b>2,090</b>	<b>2,246</b>	<b>4,999</b>	<b>3,194</b>	<b>1,968</b>	<b>2,186</b>
5JE Barnsley	651	87	78	194	120	81	91
5NY Bradford & Airedale teaching	1,737	204	212	518	337	236	230
5J6 Calderdale	603	75	65	189	99	87	88
5N5 Doncaster	1,175	153	155	365	224	133	145
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	676	108	97	167	115	89	100
5NX Hull Teaching	933	128	135	304	178	85	103
5N2 Kirklees	1,258	150	171	373	254	144	166
5N1 Leeds	3,004	313	393	941	649	366	342
5AN North East Lincolnshire	605	85	97	179	117	63	64
5EF North Lincolnshire	421	68	67	107	67	57	55
5NV North Yorkshire & York	1,845	236	267	513	304	200	325
5H8 Rotherham	806	107	116	248	138	97	100
5N4 Sheffield	1,939	235	251	609	377	216	251
5N3 Wakefield District	1,030	141	142	292	215	114	126

Table 10a Legal abortions: numbers by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2007

Residents		Age <sup>1</sup>						numbers
		Total number of abortions	Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>		<b>198,499</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>23,666</b>	<b>56,963</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>28,620</b>
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<b>EAST MIDLANDS SHA</b>		<b>12,738</b>	<b>1,431</b>	<b>1,686</b>	<b>3,782</b>	<b>2,486</b>	<b>1,603</b>	<b>1,750</b>
5ET	Bassetlaw	285	48	49	74	53	24	37
5N7	Derby City	893	81	123	282	178	112	117
5N6	Derbyshire County	1,673	225	206	430	297	240	275
5PC	Leicester City	1,519	112	196	487	362	193	169
5PA	Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,775	239	224	490	314	221	287
5N9	Lincolnshire	1,593	217	229	470	277	190	210
5PD	Northamptonshire Teaching	2,069	209	231	616	447	278	288
5EM	Nottingham City	1,271	106	181	466	250	145	123
5N8	Nottinghamshire County	1,660	194	247	467	308	200	244
<b>WEST MIDLANDS SHA</b>		<b>20,970</b>	<b>2,288</b>	<b>2,651</b>	<b>6,352</b>	<b>4,234</b>	<b>2,711</b>	<b>2,734</b>
5PG	Birmingham East & North	2,041	212	279	659	411	236	244
5MD	Coventry Teaching	1,948	185	224	623	414	270	232
5PE	Dudley	1,044	135	124	293	199	153	140
5MX	Heart of Birmingham Teaching	2,037	139	197	676	502	273	250
5CN	Herefordshire	470	62	72	126	81	60	69
5PH	North Staffordshire	509	76	67	160	91	55	60
5PF	Sandwell	1,292	137	139	364	263	200	189
5M2	Shropshire County	621	94	96	149	108	64	110
TAM	Solihull	743	83	112	229	147	75	97
5M1	South Birmingham	1,745	193	244	573	348	204	183
5PK	South Staffordshire	1,848	232	250	530	300	242	294
5PJ	Stoke on Trent	883	120	104	290	172	103	94
5MK	Telford & Wrekin	535	63	75	144	118	70	65
5M3	Walsall Teaching	1,018	109	135	327	189	144	114
5PM	Warwickshire	1,701	179	225	455	370	209	263
5MV	Wolverhampton City	1,164	110	129	362	248	182	133
5PL	Worcestershire	1,371	159	179	392	273	171	197
<b>EAST OF ENGLAND SHA</b>		<b>16,576</b>	<b>1,751</b>	<b>2,018</b>	<b>4,448</b>	<b>3,348</b>	<b>2,293</b>	<b>2,718</b>
5P2	Bedfordshire	1,206	163	136	348	222	157	180
5PP	Cambridgeshire	1,377	133	185	358	290	162	249
5P3	East & North Hertfordshire	1,694	167	205	449	346	232	295
5PR	Great Yarmouth & Waveney	510	94	85	132	88	60	51
5GC	Luton	905	65	97	275	209	146	113
5PX	Mid Essex	951	100	109	267	168	135	172
5PQ	Norfolk	1,743	188	241	468	327	230	289
5PW	North East Essex	765	95	128	209	136	93	104
5PN	Peterborough	711	71	71	199	185	90	95
5P1	South East Essex	1,034	107	136	281	190	166	154
5PY	South West Essex	1,547	152	149	397	358	230	261
5PT	Suffolk	1,313	137	166	352	243	173	242
5PV	West Essex	1,044	113	121	262	219	149	180
5P4	West Hertfordshire	1,776	166	189	451	367	270	333

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Residents	Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age <sup>1</sup>					numbers
			Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>		<b>198,499</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>23,666</b>	<b>56,963</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>28,620</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>		<b>189,734</b>	<b>19,246</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>54,322</b>	<b>39,997</b>	<b>26,217</b>	<b>27,495</b>
<b>LONDON SHA</b>		<b>50,213</b>	<b>3,386</b>	<b>4,454</b>	<b>13,862</b>	<b>12,560</b>	<b>8,218</b>	<b>7,733</b>
5C2	Barking & Dagenham	1,491	100	128	465	373	247	178
5A9	Barnet	1,788	112	128	500	469	280	299
TAK	Bexley Care Trust	1,018	112	113	279	212	147	155
5K5	Brent Teaching	2,367	117	177	582	703	417	371
5A7	Bromley	1,229	127	147	344	239	152	220
5K7	Camden	1,261	62	86	375	363	190	185
5C3	City & Hackney Teaching	2,036	142	170	588	499	348	289
5K9	Croydon	2,312	203	251	586	532	398	342
5HX	Ealing	1,948	86	137	536	524	333	332
5C1	Enfield	1,827	156	190	513	403	281	284
5A8	Greenwich Teaching	1,869	152	191	513	466	318	229
5H1	Hammersmith & Fulham	1,231	63	88	324	351	212	193
5C9	Haringey Teaching	1,769	139	177	512	417	285	239
5K6	Harrow	1,211	63	108	303	286	204	247
5A4	Havering	1,014	99	130	284	196	151	154
5AT	Hillingdon	1,476	129	169	387	341	205	245
5HY	Hounslow	1,508	107	112	441	363	279	206
5K8	Islington	1,424	90	111	395	395	230	203
5LA	Kensington & Chelsea	788	35	47	205	193	144	164
5A5	Kingston	712	31	76	250	131	108	116
5LD	Lambeth	2,664	167	219	725	688	446	419
5LF	Lewisham	2,293	173	209	618	594	372	327
5C5	Newham	1,788	83	151	543	494	277	240
5NA	Redbridge	1,600	92	146	451	349	268	294
5M6	Richmond & Twickenham	573	35	50	131	123	95	139
5LE	Southwark	2,877	184	229	777	747	513	427
5M7	Sutton & Merton	1,768	154	181	461	382	282	308
5C4	Tower Hamlets	1,691	102	139	537	472	251	190
5NC	Waltham Forest	1,783	137	162	500	422	283	279
5LG	Wandsworth	1,685	89	145	401	510	272	268
5LC	Westminster	1,212	45	87	336	323	230	191
<b>SOUTH EAST COAST SHA</b>		<b>13,926</b>	<b>1,388</b>	<b>1,715</b>	<b>3,636</b>	<b>2,769</b>	<b>1,997</b>	<b>2,421</b>
5LQ	Brighton & Hove City	1,406	94	160	419	302	214	217
5P7	East Sussex Downs & Weald	898	108	123	245	155	107	160
5QA	Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,523	275	349	649	496	349	405
5P8	Hastings & Rother	546	76	84	151	91	63	81
5L3	Medway	1,103	127	138	294	238	151	155
5P5	Surrey	3,154	266	371	790	603	468	656
5P9	West Kent	2,154	222	244	539	451	331	367
5P6	West Sussex	2,142	220	246	549	433	314	380
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL SHA</b>		<b>12,356</b>	<b>1,216</b>	<b>1,522</b>	<b>3,397</b>	<b>2,458</b>	<b>1,762</b>	<b>2,001</b>
5QG	Berkshire East	1,533	114	150	400	338	248	283
5QF	Berkshire West	1,453	141	178	353	318	226	237
5QD	Buckinghamshire	1,331	141	170	318	268	180	254
5QC	Hampshire	3,306	395	447	912	579	453	520
5QT	Isle of Wight NHS	277	38	52	74	49	29	35
5CQ	Milton Keynes	1,015	86	105	257	227	182	158
5QE	Oxfordshire	1,681	165	201	459	315	242	299
5FE	Portsmouth City Teaching	832	72	108	289	154	102	107
5L1	Southampton City	928	64	111	335	210	100	108

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Residents		Age <sup>1</sup>						numbers
		Total number of abortions	Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>		<b>198,499</b>	<b>20,289</b>	<b>23,666</b>	<b>56,963</b>	<b>41,704</b>	<b>27,257</b>	<b>28,620</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>		<b>189,734</b>	<b>19,246</b>	<b>22,457</b>	<b>54,322</b>	<b>39,997</b>	<b>26,217</b>	<b>27,495</b>
<b>SOUTH WEST SHA</b>		<b>13,646</b>	<b>1,636</b>	<b>1,749</b>	<b>3,864</b>	<b>2,576</b>	<b>1,699</b>	<b>2,122</b>
5FL	Bath & North East Somerset	465	48	60	142	86	55	74
5QN	Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,080	101	140	344	225	111	159
5QJ	Bristol	1,626	147	189	507	354	203	226
5QP	Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,199	174	167	304	219	148	187
5QQ	Devon	1,612	223	216	448	286	194	245
5QM	Dorset	822	116	105	213	149	109	130
5QH	Gloucestershire	1,521	180	195	414	304	192	236
5M8	North Somerset	453	49	38	120	103	63	80
5F1	Plymouth Teaching	767	87	101	251	146	95	87
5QL	Somerset	1,186	155	141	334	187	161	208
5A3	South Gloucestershire	676	89	87	185	113	92	110
5K3	Swindon	664	62	92	177	131	104	98
TAL	Torbay	432	65	66	136	58	46	61
5QK	Wiltshire	1,143	140	152	289	215	126	221
<b>WALES</b>		<b>8,765</b>	<b>1,043</b>	<b>1,209</b>	<b>2,641</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,040</b>	<b>1,125</b>
6B1	Angelsey	182	16	30	55	25	27	29
6C2	Blaenau Gwent	201	23	26	55	52	29	16
6B3	Bridgend	384	49	58	97	74	57	49
6B2	Caerphilly	544	76	65	159	103	68	73
6A8	Cardiff	1,234	115	158	415	256	157	133
6B7	Carmarthen	366	45	51	106	68	47	49
6A4	Ceredigion	174	21	29	60	25	12	27
6A7	Conwy	276	36	40	78	54	25	43
6C1	Denbighshire	290	37	59	71	54	20	49
6B5	Flintshire	471	52	61	144	70	60	84
6A2	Gwynedd	346	41	41	114	58	40	52
6B8	Merthyr Tydfil	160	22	20	53	36	18	11
6A1	Monmouth	214	32	36	47	39	20	40
6A5	Neath & Port Talbot	368	52	44	113	64	40	55
6B9	Newport	512	56	69	139	122	61	65
6A3	Pembroke	327	41	44	105	63	44	30
6C4	Powys	331	33	43	87	63	48	57
6A9	Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	745	96	104	239	151	88	67
6A6	Swansea	554	65	84	193	106	48	58
6B6	The Vale of Glamorgan	345	43	57	99	69	31	46
6C3	Torfaen	317	48	34	89	69	38	39
6B4	Wrexham	424	44	56	123	86	62	53

<sup>1</sup> Age not stated have been distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24

Table 10b Legal abortions: rates by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2007

Residents rates per 1,000 women

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR <sup>2</sup>	Age <sup>1</sup>					
			Under					
			18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>189,734</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>NORTH EAST SHA</b>	<b>7,601</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>
5ND County Durham	1,186	12	19	24	20	18	8	4
5J9 Darlington	346	20	30	36	43	21	12	4
5KF Gateshead	493	14	17	27	26	17	12	4
5D9 Hartlepool	297	17	23	28	32	23	12	5
5KM Middlesbrough	526	18	21	31	32	26	14	4
5D7 Newcastle	1,063	16	23	27	21	26	14	5
5E1 North Tees	651	18	22	40	31	23	11	5
5D8 North Tyneside	652	18	26	37	35	20	11	6
TAC Northumberland	743	15	18	25	28	19	12	5
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	367	14	17	27	27	19	10	5
5KG South Tyneside	436	15	22	32	23	22	11	5
5KL Sunderland Teaching	841	15	22	32	27	18	11	4
<b>NORTH WEST SHA</b>	<b>25,025</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>6</b>
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	964	17	22	35	32	19	13	5
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	484	17	15	31	32	22	13	5
5HP Blackpool	501	20	17	35	43	29	13	5
5HQ Bolton	1,022	20	22	36	40	26	16	6
5JX Bury	685	20	23	42	41	23	14	6
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,154	15	18	31	29	18	11	4
5NG Central Lancashire	1,290	15	20	29	24	19	11	5
5NE Cumbria	1,217	15	19	30	30	18	10	5
5NH East Lancashire Teaching	1,275	18	21	38	34	20	12	6
5NM Halton & St Helens	1,090	19	24	48	34	22	14	5
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	695	17	20	32	33	21	14	5
5J4 Knowsley	751	24	26	42	47	33	18	7
5NL Liverpool	2,372	23	27	41	33	35	19	8
5NT Manchester	3,003	24	32	43	32	31	25	9
5NF North Lancashire Teaching	774	12	16	20	20	17	11	5
5J5 Oldham	746	17	20	31	35	21	13	5
5F5 Salford Teaching	1,008	21	29	43	36	26	15	7
5NJ Sefton	903	19	21	36	36	24	15	6
5F7 Stockport	905	18	20	31	35	23	13	6
5LH Tameside & Glossop	935	19	25	37	39	26	11	5
5NR Trafford	793	20	19	43	35	29	16	7
5J2 Warrington	631	18	16	42	33	21	15	5
5NN West Cheshire	650	15	23	30	25	17	12	5
5NK Wirral	1,177	21	25	37	41	28	17	6
<b>YORKSHIRE &amp; THE HUMBER SHA</b>	<b>16,683</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
5JE Barnsley	651	16	20	28	31	20	12	5
5NY Bradford & Airedale Teaching	1,737	16	20	31	28	19	14	7
5J6 Calderdale	603	17	19	25	35	18	13	5
5N5 Doncaster	1,175	22	26	42	43	28	16	7
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	676	13	18	25	22	17	10	4
5NX Hull Teaching	933	16	25	35	26	19	10	6
5N2 Kirklees	1,258	16	19	31	28	21	11	5
5N1 Leeds	3,004	16	22	31	23	22	14	6
5AN North East Lincolnshire	605	20	24	42	38	27	14	5
5EF North Lincolnshire	421	16	22	38	27	17	13	5
5NV North Yorkshire & York	1,845	13	16	26	23	16	9	5
5H8 Rotherham	806	17	21	38	34	19	12	5
5N4 Sheffield	1,939	17	25	28	25	22	13	7
5N3 Wakefield District	1,030	17	22	35	30	24	11	5

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Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR <sup>2</sup>	Age <sup>1</sup>					
			Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>189,734</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>EAST MIDLANDS SHA</b>	<b>12,738</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
5ET Bassetlaw	285	15	22	39	27	19	8	4
5N7 Derby City	893	18	18	38	30	22	14	7
5N6 Derbyshire County	1,673	14	16	26	25	16	11	5
5PC Leicester City	1,519	20	20	38	30	31	18	8
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,775	14	18	25	26	19	11	5
5N9 Lincolnshire	1,593	14	16	27	26	18	10	4
5PD Northamptonshire Teaching	2,069	17	16	28	32	23	12	5
5EM Nottingham City	1,271	16	21	28	21	21	15	7
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	1,660	14	15	32	25	17	10	5
<b>WEST MIDLANDS SHA</b>	<b>20,970</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>7</b>
5PG Birmingham East & North	2,041	24	24	48	46	30	18	8
5MD Coventry Teaching	1,948	28	32	43	44	37	28	11
5PE Dudley	1,044	19	23	35	34	23	16	6
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	2,037	28	23	36	43	42	29	14
5CN Herefordshire	470	18	18	38	33	22	13	5
5PH North Staffordshire	509	13	19	22	24	17	9	4
5PF Sandwell	1,292	22	24	37	39	27	20	9
5M2 Shropshire County	621	14	17	30	24	18	8	5
TAM Solihull	743	21	19	45	43	29	13	6
5M1 South Birmingham	1,745	21	29	45	34	26	18	8
5PK South Staffordshire	1,848	18	19	35	34	20	13	6
5PJ Stoke on Trent	883	17	25	29	31	22	13	5
5MK Telford & Wrekin	535	17	18	33	31	26	13	5
5M3 Walsall Teaching	1,018	21	21	40	41	26	18	6
5PM Warwickshire	1,701	18	18	38	32	25	13	7
5MV Wolverhampton City	1,164	24	24	42	44	31	24	8
5PL Worcestershire	1,371	15	15	30	30	19	10	5
<b>EAST OF ENGLAND SHA</b>	<b>16,576</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>6</b>
5P2 Bedfordshire	1,206	16	21	29	31	18	11	5
5PP Cambridgeshire	1,377	11	13	23	17	16	8	5
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	1,694	16	16	32	29	21	12	7
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	510	15	24	34	25	18	11	3
5GC Luton	905	21	17	36	35	29	23	8
5PX Mid Essex	951	15	14	26	30	16	11	6
5PQ Norfolk	1,743	13	15	28	22	17	11	6
5PW North East Essex	765	13	17	32	20	15	10	5
5PN Peterborough	711	21	21	35	38	32	15	8
5P1 South East Essex	1,034	18	17	36	33	22	17	6
5PY South West Essex	1,547	20	20	32	36	28	17	8
5PT Suffolk	1,313	13	12	26	24	15	10	6
5PV West Essex	1,044	21	21	38	37	29	17	8
5P4 West Hertfordshire	1,776	18	16	34	35	22	14	8



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rates per 1,000 women

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			Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>189,734</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>LONDON SHA</b>	<b>50,213</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>12</b>
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	1,491	40	32	65	75	58	38	13
5A9 Barnet	1,788	25	20	36	49	34	20	11
TAK Bexley Care Trust	1,018	24	24	40	43	32	20	8
5K5 Brent Teaching	2,367	35	25	53	55	51	34	17
5A7 Bromley	1,229	23	22	47	48	26	14	9
5K7 Camden	1,261	19	23	29	31	22	14	10
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	2,036	36	37	63	70	40	30	15
5K9 Croydon	2,312	33	31	61	59	45	30	11
5HX Ealing	1,948	27	18	41	50	35	23	14
5C1 Enfield	1,827	30	30	55	54	36	26	12
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	1,869	35	38	65	62	46	30	13
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	1,231	27	29	53	45	29	20	14
5C9 Haringey Teaching	1,769	32	38	65	62	34	25	12
5K6 Harrow	1,211	27	15	45	46	37	24	15
5A4 Havering	1,014	25	22	48	44	31	22	9
5AT Hillingdon	1,476	26	27	48	40	38	22	12
5HY Hounslow	1,508	30	29	43	56	35	29	12
5K8 Islington	1,424	27	34	49	43	30	21	13
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	788	18	18	27	31	20	15	11
5A5 Kingston	712	19	12	35	39	20	16	9
5LD Lambeth	2,664	39	44	79	72	38	29	18
5LF Lewisham	2,293	37	40	69	69	47	30	14
5C5 Newham	1,788	27	17	43	48	40	25	13
5NA Redbridge	1,600	30	18	49	54	34	27	15
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	573	16	13	28	29	19	12	8
5LE Southwark	2,877	41	47	77	68	46	37	19
5M7 Sutton & Merton	1,768	22	23	46	41	23	16	9
5C4 Tower Hamlets	1,691	27	28	48	52	30	19	14
5NC Waltham Forest	1,783	36	35	62	69	45	27	14
5LG Wandsworth	1,685	22	31	57	36	21	13	11
5LC Westminster	1,212	18	20	30	27	19	17	11
<b>SOUTH EAST COAST SHA</b>	<b>13,926</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>7</b>
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	1,406	23	22	40	35	31	20	10
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	898	18	17	33	33	21	13	7
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,523	19	19	36	29	26	17	8
5P8 Hastings & Rother	546	20	23	42	39	23	14	7
5L3 Medway	1,103	22	24	42	37	29	18	8
5P5 Surrey	3,154	16	13	33	30	19	13	7
5P9 West Kent	2,154	18	16	34	33	24	15	7
5P6 West Sussex	2,142	17	16	29	31	22	14	6
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL SHA</b>	<b>12,356</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>6</b>
5QG Berkshire East	1,533	19	15	31	33	23	16	9
5QF Berkshire West	1,453	16	16	30	24	21	14	7
5QD Buckinghamshire	1,331	15	14	32	26	19	11	6
5QC Hampshire	3,306	15	16	31	28	18	12	5
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	277	14	15	35	24	17	9	4
5CQ Milton Keynes	1,015	22	19	40	38	28	20	8
5QE Oxfordshire	1,681	13	15	24	19	16	11	6
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	832	17	21	32	25	19	15	8
5L1 Southampton City	928	15	17	25	23	20	12	8

Table 10b Legal abortions: rates by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2007

Residents rates per 1,000 women

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR <sup>2</sup>	Age <sup>1</sup>					
			Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +
<b>ENGLAND AND WALES</b>	<b>198,499</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>32.6</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>6.9</b>
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>189,734</b>	<b>18.8</b>	<b>20.0</b>	<b>34.5</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>7.0</b>
<b>SOUTH WEST SHA</b>	<b>13,646</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	465	13	15	21	18	18	11	6
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,080	18	19	35	34	25	12	7
5QJ Bristol	1,626	15	22	28	22	19	13	8
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,199	14	18	27	24	18	10	5
5QQ Devon	1,612	13	17	23	22	18	10	5
5QM Dorset	822	15	15	25	30	20	12	5
5QH Gloucestershire	1,521	15	15	27	28	20	11	5
5M8 North Somerset	453	14	13	18	26	22	11	5
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	767	14	19	25	23	19	12	5
5QL Somerset	1,186	14	14	24	30	16	11	5
5A3 South Gloucestershire	676	14	18	30	28	15	11	5
5K3 Swindon	664	18	18	39	33	20	14	6
TAL Torbay	432	20	27	42	42	20	14	7
5QK Wiltshire	1,143	16	15	31	33	20	9	6
<b>WALES</b>	<b>8,765</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
6B1 Anglesey	182	16	12	38	33	15	15	6
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	201	16	15	26	27	28	14	3
6B3 Bridgend	384	16	19	35	28	21	13	5
6B2 Caerphilly	544	17	22	29	32	20	12	6
6A8 Cardiff	1,234	15	19	27	22	21	15	6
6B7 Carmarthen	366	12	13	23	23	15	10	4
6A4 Ceredigion	174	11	17	18	15	13	7	6
6A7 Conwy	276	17	17	36	34	22	9	6
6C1 Denbighshire	290	19	20	54	32	23	8	7
6B5 Flintshire	471	18	18	36	37	18	13	7
6A2 Gwynedd	346	15	19	23	26	19	12	7
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	160	16	18	28	29	24	11	3
6A1 Monmouth	214	17	18	37	29	23	9	6
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	368	15	19	26	28	18	10	5
6B9 Newport	512	19	19	35	30	32	14	6
6A3 Pembroke	327	18	17	33	41	23	14	4
6C4 Powys	331	18	13	31	34	25	15	6
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	745	16	21	32	30	21	12	4
6A6 Swansea	554	12	16	24	21	17	7	4
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	345	16	17	35	30	22	9	5
6C3 Torfaen	317	19	25	28	35	27	15	6
6B4 Wrexham	424	17	18	38	31	22	15	5

<sup>1</sup> Age not stated have been distributed pro-rata across age group 20-24<sup>2</sup> Rates for PCOs and LHBs are based on 2006 mid year population estimates

Rates for all ages, under 18 and 35 and over are based on populations 15-44, 15-17 and 35-44 respectively

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<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>175,713</b>	<b>119,595</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>167,771</b>	<b>114,506</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	
<b>NORTH EAST SHA</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7,153</b>	<b>4,740</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>19</b>	
5ND County Durham	92	1	7	67	22	11	1,107	738	67	16	
5J9 Darlington	96	..	..	79	14	7	334	263	79	22	
5KF Gateshead	93	..	..	72	18	10	462	326	71	17	
5D9 Hartlepool	94	..	..	74	18	8	280	205	73	27	
5KM Middlesbrough	94	..	..	67	22	11	499	331	66	21	
5D7 Newcastle	95	..	..	67	21	11	1,012	675	67	15	
5E1 North Tees	93	..	..	72	18	10	611	436	71	21	
5D8 North Tyneside	93	..	..	74	17	9	613	450	73	18	
TAC Northumberland	95	..	..	66	23	11	709	468	66	18	
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	93	..	..	65	20	15	345	222	64	18	
5KG South Tyneside	95	..	..	65	26	9	413	262	63	18	
5KL Sunderland Teaching	90	1	9	50	34	16	768	364	47	22	
<b>NORTH WEST SHA</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>23,201</b>	<b>16,241</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>22</b>	
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	66	23	11	62	27	12	862	498	58	19	
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	88	3	10	75	18	7	438	324	74	24	
5HP Blackpool	5	92	3	78	13	8	487	379	78	26	
5HQ Bolton	47	45	9	73	17	11	935	666	71	19	
5JX Bury	24	66	10	77	15	7	615	468	76	29	
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	41	48	11	68	19	13	1,026	675	66	19	
5NG Central Lancashire	26	66	9	78	15	7	1,177	916	78	17	
5NE Cumbria	87	8	6	72	20	7	1,147	821	72	21	
5NH East Lancashire Teaching	91	3	6	73	18	9	1,196	858	72	21	
5NM Halton & St Helens	45	50	6	69	20	11	1,029	698	68	20	
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	47	45	8	71	19	10	637	447	70	21	
5J4 Knowsley	80	15	6	69	22	9	710	489	69	25	
5NL Liverpool	76	19	5	70	20	10	2,263	1,559	69	23	
5NT Manchester	29	64	7	76	15	9	2,794	2,103	75	27	
5NF North Lancashire Teaching	36	57	7	67	24	9	717	474	66	16	
5J5 Oldham	74	17	9	65	26	9	678	425	63	17	
5F5 Salford Teaching	57	33	10	62	26	12	912	537	59	21	
5NJ Sefton	77	17	6	64	24	12	848	535	63	22	
5F7 Stockport	47	45	9	72	17	11	828	578	70	19	
5LH Tameside & Glossop	55	39	6	73	17	9	878	635	72	20	
5NR Trafford	21	67	12	73	17	10	699	497	71	21	
5J2 Warrington	3	88	9	70	19	10	576	397	69	23	
5NN West Cheshire	68	27	6	69	21	11	614	416	68	16	
5NK Wirral	50	47	4	75	15	10	1,135	846	75	24	
<b>YORKSHIRE &amp; THE HUMBER SHA</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>15,104</b>	<b>9,270</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>21</b>	
5JE Barnsley	78	9	13	48	36	17	569	240	42	20	
5NY Bradford & Airedale Teaching	67	23	10	57	34	10	1,556	834	54	19	
5J6 Calderdale	78	10	13	71	20	9	525	358	68	17	
5N5 Doncaster	4	93	3	76	15	10	1,142	859	75	26	
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	78	9	13	50	37	12	590	270	46	13	
5NX Hull Teaching	86	9	5	45	46	9	887	381	43	18	
5N2 Kirklees	35	54	11	69	20	11	1,126	753	67	19	
5N1 Leeds	41	50	10	78	14	8	2,715	2,085	77	21	
5AN North East Lincolnshire	94	..	..	67	24	8	577	385	67	27	
5EF North Lincolnshire	84	..	..	44	29	27	362	146	40	17	
5NV North Yorkshire & York	53	36	12	66	24	10	1,630	1,038	64	19	
5H8 Rotherham	88	5	7	56	30	14	746	404	54	22	
5N4 Sheffield	87	2	11	50	37	13	1,726	768	45	22	
5N3 Wakefield District	3	90	8	79	12	8	953	749	79	24	

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<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>167,771</b>	<b>114,506</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	
<b>EAST MIDLANDS SHA</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11,819</b>	<b>7,087</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>20</b>	
5ET Bassetlaw	81	14	5	63	24	13	271	168	62	18	
5N7 Derby City	89	4	7	67	23	10	830	547	66	21	
5N6 Derbyshire County	81	11	8	68	22	11	1,539	1,022	66	18	
5PC Leicester City	73	22	5	60	31	9	1,440	844	59	22	
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	56	36	9	62	28	10	1,620	975	60	19	
5N9 Lincolnshire	88	4	8	56	33	12	1,465	788	54	16	
5PD Northamptonshire Teaching	53	40	7	61	27	12	1,926	1,151	60	22	
5EM Nottingham City	69	25	5	65	25	10	1,202	772	64	25	
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	77	15	8	56	31	13	1,526	820	54	18	
<b>WEST MIDLANDS SHA</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>19,660</b>	<b>13,719</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>25</b>	
5PG Birmingham East & North	2	93	6	75	15	10	1,921	1,434	75	28	
5MD Coventry Teaching	1	98	1	72	16	12	1,927	1,391	72	29	
5PE Dudley	2	90	8	68	20	13	958	629	66	25	
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	1	93	6	78	14	8	1,919	1,487	78	29	
5CN Herefordshire	83	10	7	78	15	7	436	336	77	19	
5PH North Staffordshire	..	93	..	76	14	10	483	366	76	21	
5PF Sandwell	2	92	6	70	19	11	1,209	832	69	27	
5M2 Shropshire County	5	90	5	68	20	13	589	395	67	19	
TAM Solihull	2	90	8	78	14	9	683	527	77	28	
5M1 South Birmingham	3	91	6	72	17	11	1,639	1,175	72	24	
5PK South Staffordshire	5	83	12	53	31	16	1,624	804	50	24	
5PJ Stoke on Trent	3	93	5	71	17	12	843	594	71	20	
5MK Telford & Wrekin	..	95	..	61	26	13	516	313	61	22	
5M3 Walsall Teaching	45	49	6	70	20	10	959	666	69	24	
5PM Warwickshire	2	95	3	73	16	11	1,647	1,197	73	24	
5MV Wolverhampton City	3	88	9	67	21	12	1,058	692	65	31	
5PL Worcestershire	2	89	9	72	18	11	1,249	881	71	20	
<b>EAST OF ENGLAND SHA</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14,685</b>	<b>10,223</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>22</b>	
5P2 Bedfordshire	58	32	10	68	21	11	1,084	718	66	21	
5PP Cambridgeshire	79	9	12	70	20	10	1,219	829	68	17	
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	7	78	15	79	13	8	1,443	1,121	78	29	
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	89	7	4	58	33	9	491	283	58	16	
5GC Luton	49	42	9	71	19	10	826	576	70	27	
5PX Mid Essex	20	67	13	76	15	8	824	613	74	23	
5PQ Norfolk	89	5	6	70	22	8	1,644	1,139	69	18	
5PW North East Essex	61	24	15	66	26	9	649	401	62	19	
5PN Peterborough	73	22	6	61	30	9	670	401	60	19	
5P1 South East Essex	50	39	11	75	17	7	924	682	74	22	
5PY South West Essex	22	66	13	77	15	7	1,347	1,022	76	26	
5PT Suffolk	88	2	10	59	32	10	1,179	651	55	17	
5PV West Essex	22	59	18	76	18	7	853	620	73	25	
5P4 West Hertfordshire	19	68	14	77	14	9	1,532	1,167	76	27	

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<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>167,771</b>	<b>114,506</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	
<b>LONDON SHA</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>40,068</b>	<b>28,209</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>30</b>	
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	2	87	11	81	10	9	1,324	1,060	80	35	
5A9 Barnet	2	80	19	83	10	8	1,455	1,187	82	30	
TAK Bexley Care Trust	14	73	14	79	13	9	877	680	78	28	
5K5 Brent Teaching	3	83	14	81	11	8	2,032	1,619	80	29	
5A7 Bromley	4	82	14	78	12	9	1,061	814	77	29	
5K7 Camden	21	53	26	72	18	11	931	608	65	29	
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	75	7	18	69	21	10	1,667	1,076	65	31	
5K9 Croydon	1	89	10	79	14	7	2,077	1,626	78	34	
5HX Ealing	2	64	34	65	20	16	1,291	707	55	26	
5C1 Enfield	12	66	22	67	21	13	1,433	899	63	32	
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	40	44	16	74	16	10	1,577	1,133	72	29	
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	10	63	27	75	16	9	897	638	71	32	
5C9 Haringey Teaching	15	62	24	68	20	13	1,347	851	63	30	
5K6 Harrow	..	87	..	83	8	9	1,054	871	83	30	
5A4 Havering	..	86	..	85	9	6	884	750	85	29	
5AT Hillingdon	6	78	15	77	14	8	1,248	943	76	31	
5HY Hounslow	7	72	21	67	19	14	1,190	720	61	29	
5K8 Islington	18	58	24	68	19	13	1,083	664	61	30	
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	53	6	41	80	12	8	464	345	74	32	
5A5 Kingston	2	84	14	80	12	8	610	484	79	28	
5LD Lambeth	10	73	17	74	16	10	2,216	1,576	71	32	
5LF Lewisham	14	73	14	73	17	10	1,979	1,391	70	33	
5C5 Newham	56	8	36	58	25	17	1,138	486	43	30	
5NA Redbridge	3	79	18	80	11	9	1,314	1,046	80	35	
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	40	26	34	74	18	8	380	246	65	32	
5LE Southwark	12	71	17	71	18	11	2,380	1,611	68	34	
5M7 Sutton & Merton	30	47	24	66	22	12	1,344	780	58	27	
5C4 Tower Hamlets	70	12	18	76	16	8	1,387	1,011	73	26	
5NC Waltham Forest	2	79	19	78	13	9	1,443	1,096	76	31	
5LG Wandsworth	36	34	30	66	23	11	1,187	667	56	25	
5LC Westminster	42	24	34	80	12	8	798	624	78	29	
<b>SOUTH EAST COAST SHA</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>12,539</b>	<b>9,314</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>23</b>	
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	2	91	8	77	14	9	1,301	992	76	23	
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	4	84	12	60	28	12	787	447	57	17	
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	3	90	7	76	14	10	2,346	1,758	75	23	
5P8 Hastings & Rother	26	70	4	73	17	10	523	376	72	17	
5L3 Medway	2	90	8	77	14	10	1,018	776	76	25	
5P5 Surrey	3	82	15	79	12	9	2,696	2,094	78	23	
5P9 West Kent	2	88	10	82	10	8	1,943	1,582	81	27	
5P6 West Sussex	38	52	10	69	21	11	1,925	1,289	67	22	
<b>SOUTH CENTRAL SHA</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11,288</b>	<b>8,179</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>23</b>	
5QG Berkshire East	2	85	13	77	13	11	1,339	1,003	75	25	
5QF Berkshire West	2	86	12	79	13	9	1,273	994	78	28	
5QD Buckinghamshire	5	84	11	71	17	13	1,183	820	69	25	
5QC Hampshire	30	63	7	73	17	10	3,068	2,217	72	20	
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	85	9	6	60	31	9	261	151	58	18	
5CQ Milton Keynes	2	90	8	72	19	10	939	659	70	20	
5QE Oxfordshire	25	68	7	78	11	11	1,558	1,208	78	25	
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	91	3	6	74	19	7	783	575	73	22	
5L1 Southampton City	65	30	5	63	25	12	884	552	62	20	

Table 11 Legal abortions: purchaser, gestation, Sexual Health Indicator and repeat abortions, by Primary Care Organisation, England and Local Health Board, Wales, 2007

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	
<b>ENGLAND &amp; WALES</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>50.5</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>175,713</b>	<b>119,595</b>	<b>68.1</b>	<b>23.4</b>	
<b>ENGLAND</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>51.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>167,771</b>	<b>114,506</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>23.6</b>	
<b>SOUTH WEST SHA</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12,254</b>	<b>7,524</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>19</b>	
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	60	25	15	68	21	11	395	248	63	16	
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	42	54	5	72	18	10	1,030	751	73	23	
5QJ Bristol	66	16	18	63	26	12	1,332	757	57	20	
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	87	7	6	60	32	8	1,123	654	58	14	
5QQ Devon	68	24	8	64	28	9	1,485	921	62	16	
5QM Dorset	49	43	8	60	27	13	757	441	58	15	
5QH Gloucestershire	88	4	8	72	19	10	1,407	991	70	19	
5M8 North Somerset	65	12	23	55	29	17	350	155	44	17	
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	92	4	4	56	34	11	739	403	55	19	
5QL Somerset	66	18	17	50	34	17	987	419	43	18	
5A3 South Gloucestershire	63	19	18	64	25	11	555	323	58	24	
5K3 Swindon	..	94	..	78	14	9	627	483	77	25	
TAL Torbay	..	94	..	59	25	17	422	243	58	23	
5QK Wiltshire	15	77	9	72	19	10	1,045	735	70	18	
<b>WALES</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7,942</b>	<b>5,089</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>20</b>	
6B1 Anglesey	..	96	..	71	20	9	174	123	71	23	
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	55	37	8	64	24	11	186	118	63	14	
6B3 Bridgend	89	3	8	72	21	7	353	248	70	16	
6B2 Caerphilly	58	34	8	68	24	8	499	328	66	23	
6A8 Cardiff	78	6	16	57	29	14	1,038	538	52	18	
6B7 Carmarthen	88	4	9	63	25	12	334	204	61	18	
6A4 Ceredigion	95	..	..	85	12	4	167	141	84	17	
6A7 Conwy	..	93	..	63	26	11	258	161	62	21	
6C1 Denbighshire	..	92	..	67	20	12	273	182	67	20	
6B5 Flintshire	6	88	7	67	21	12	440	292	66	22	
6A2 Gwynedd	5	91	4	67	24	9	332	219	66	22	
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	76	..	..	61	28	11	130	74	57	28	
6A1 Monmouth	43	40	17	74	16	10	178	123	69	17	
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	92	..	..	70	22	8	346	241	70	20	
6B9 Newport	50	41	9	71	20	9	468	322	69	20	
6A3 Pembroke	80	11	9	70	22	8	297	204	69	18	
6C4 Powys	80	9	11	76	16	9	294	220	75	19	
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	88	3	9	60	31	9	682	394	58	23	
6A6 Swansea	88	3	9	65	26	9	506	321	63	20	
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	80	3	17	62	25	13	287	164	57	20	
6C3 Torfaen	63	33	4	70	23	7	304	209	69	20	
6B4 Wrexham	..	92	..	67	18	15	396	263	66	23	

.. 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, 2007

	total	percentages
<b>All non-residents</b>	<b>7,099</b>	<b>100%</b>
Country of residence <sup>1</sup>		
United Kingdom		
Northern Ireland	1,343	18.9
Scotland	377	5.3
Isle of Man	135	1.9
Jersey	24	0.3
Guernsey	13	0.2
European countries		
Irish Republic	4,686	66.0
Cyprus	8	0.1
Denmark	6	0.1
France	31	0.4
Germany	12	0.2
Italy	137	1.9
Malta	69	1.0
Poland	8	0.1
Portugal	10	0.1
Romania	5	0.1
Spain	25	0.4
Switzerland	5	0.1
Other	19	0.3
Rest of the world		
Australia	13	0.2
Bahrain	10	0.1
Kuwait	13	0.2
Qatar	7	0.1
Saudi Arabia	5	0.1
UAE	77	1.1
USA	15	0.2
Other	46	0.6

<sup>1</sup> Specific countries shown only where there are 5 or more cases

Table 12b Legal abortions: non residents of England and Wales, by (i) age, (ii) statutory grounds and (iii) gestation, 2007

		total	percentages
<b>All non-residents</b>		<b>7,099</b>	<b>100%</b>
<i>(i)</i> Age	Under 16	99	1
	16 - 17	291	4
	18 - 19	589	8
	20 - 24	2,016	28
	25 - 29	1,799	25
	30 - 34	1,170	16
	35 - 39	803	11
	40 and over	332	5
<i>(ii)</i> Statutory grounds	C (alone)	7,001	99
	Other	98	1
<i>(iii)</i> Gestation weeks	3 - 9	4,545	64
	10 - 12	1,317	19
	13 - 19	918	13
	20 and over	319	4

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

Table 12c Legal abortions, country of residence by age and gestation, 2007

		Scotland	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic
<b>All ages</b>	numbers	377	1,343	4,686
	Under 16	14	28	47
	16 - 17	35	76	147
	18 - 19	36	131	350
	20 - 24	101	386	1,387
	25 - 29	70	298	1,282
	30 - 34	59	205	790
	35 - 39	48	162	474
	40 & over	14	57	209
<b>Gestation weeks</b>	%	(100%)	(100%)	(100%)
	3 - 9	51	65	67
	10 - 12	7	21	19
	13 - 19	14	11	12
	20 & over	29	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. Civil partnership added in 2006.
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.