



Statistical Bulletin

Abortion Statistics, England and Wales: 2008

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 2008.

KEY FACTS

In 2008, for women resident in England and Wales:

- the total number of abortions was 195,296, compared with 198,499 in 2007, a fall of 1.6%
- the age-standardised abortion rate was 18.2 per 1,000 resident women aged 15-44, compared with 18.6 in 2007
- the abortion rate was highest at 36 per 1,000, for women age 19, the same as in 2007
- the under-16 abortion rate was 4.2 and the under-18 rate was 18.9 per 1,000 women, both lower than in 2007
- 91% of abortions were funded by the NHS; of these, just over half (58%) took place in the independent sector under NHS contract
- 90% of abortions were carried out at under 13 weeks gestation; 73% were at under 10 weeks
- medical abortions accounted for 38% of the total
- 1,988 abortions (1%) were under ground E, risk that the child would be born handicapped

Non-residents:

- in 2008, there were 6,862 abortions for non-residents carried out in hospitals and clinics in England and Wales (7,099 in 2007)

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1. Introduction

1.1 This is the seventh Statistical Bulletin presenting statistics of legally induced abortions in England and Wales and covers those that took place in 2008. 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, 2006 and 2007 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

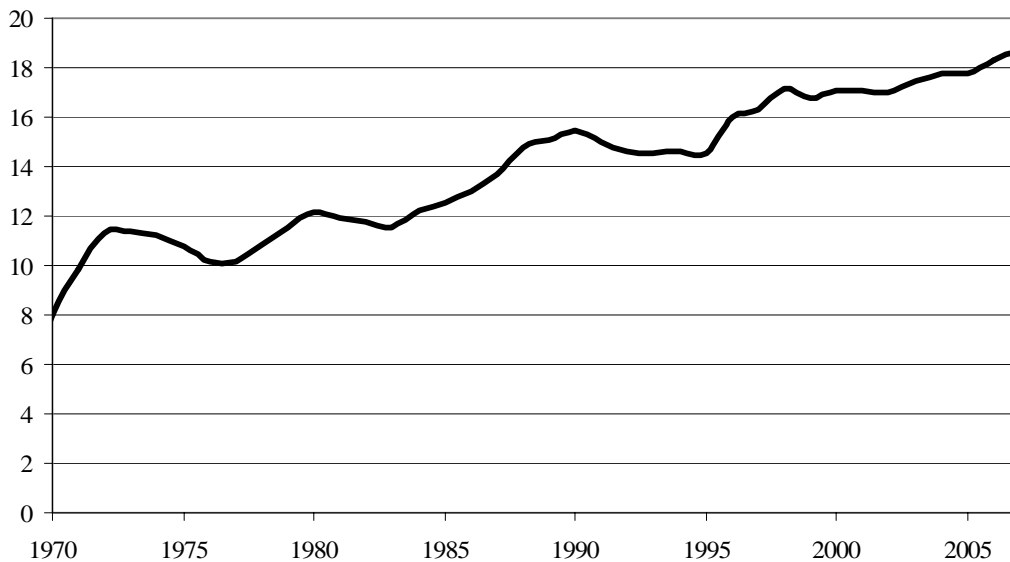
2.1 Incomplete and incorrectly completed forms are returned to practitioners for completion and clarification. In a very small number of cases (about one-quarter of one percent), the information remains unavailable at the time of publication. Date of birth was missing from 45 records in 2008, gestation information from 96, postcodes from 54 and grounds from 63.

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 2008 at a national level and at PCT level are calculated using 2007 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 2008

Rate



3. Overview

3.1 In total there were 202,158 abortions notified as taking place in England and Wales in 2008.

3.2 There were 195,296 abortions to residents of England and Wales in 2008. This represents a rate 18.2 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 rose again to 18.6 in 2007 and dropped in 2008 to 18.2 (see *Figure 1* and Table 1).

3.3 In 2008, there were 6,862 abortions to residents of other countries compared with 7,099 in 2007. Principally, these non-residents were from Northern Ireland (17%) and the Irish Republic (67%). The number of abortions to non-residents remained between 9,000 and 10,000 in the period 1995 to 2003. The 2008 total is the lowest in any year since 1969 (see Table 1 and Table 12a).

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

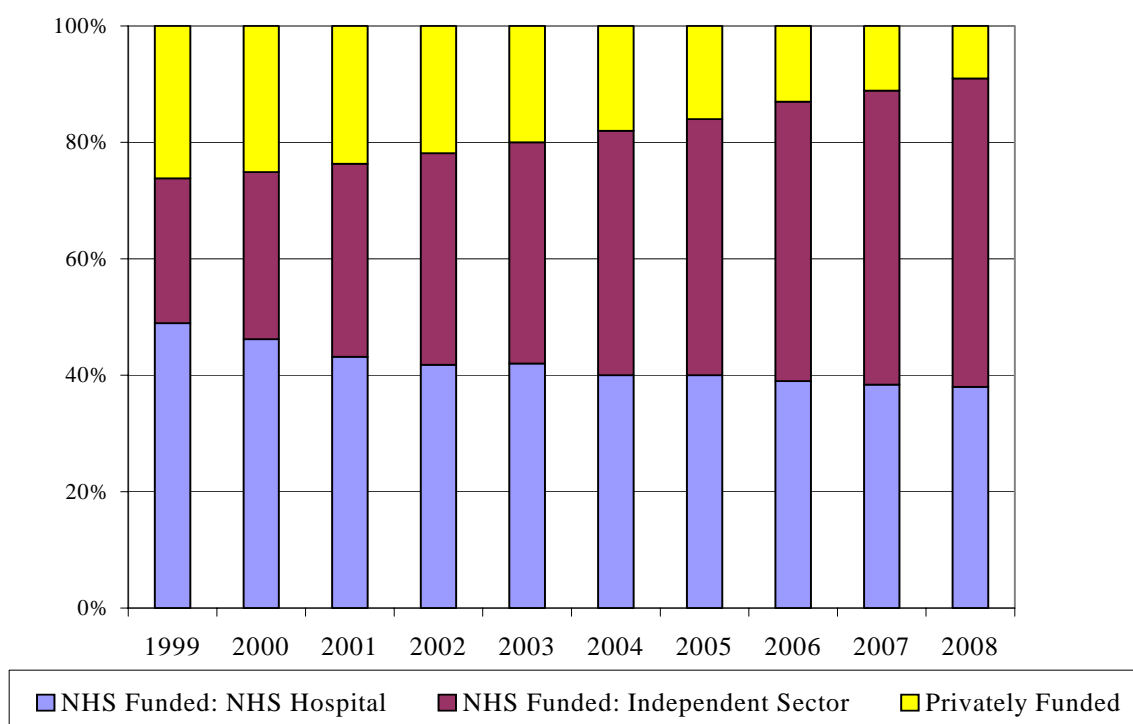
4.1 Location and funding of abortions

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 2008, 38% of abortions were performed in NHS hospitals and 53% in approved independent sector places under NHS contract (previously named NHS Agency), making a total of 91% of abortions funded by the NHS. The remaining 9% were privately funded. The proportion performed under NHS contract has been rising steadily since this information was collected in 1981, and more rapidly since 2001¹, while the proportions of NHS hospital and private abortions has been falling.

¹ Start of Government's Sexual Health and HIV Strategy.

Figure 2 Abortions by purchaser, England and Wales, 1999 to 2008



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 2008, 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 a half percent of abortions. The proportion of ground C abortions has risen steadily 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 (37%) of cases under ground E, congenital malformations in about 48%. The most commonly reported abnormalities were of the nervous system (24% of all ground E cases) and the musculoskeletal system (7%); Down's syndrome (22% 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).

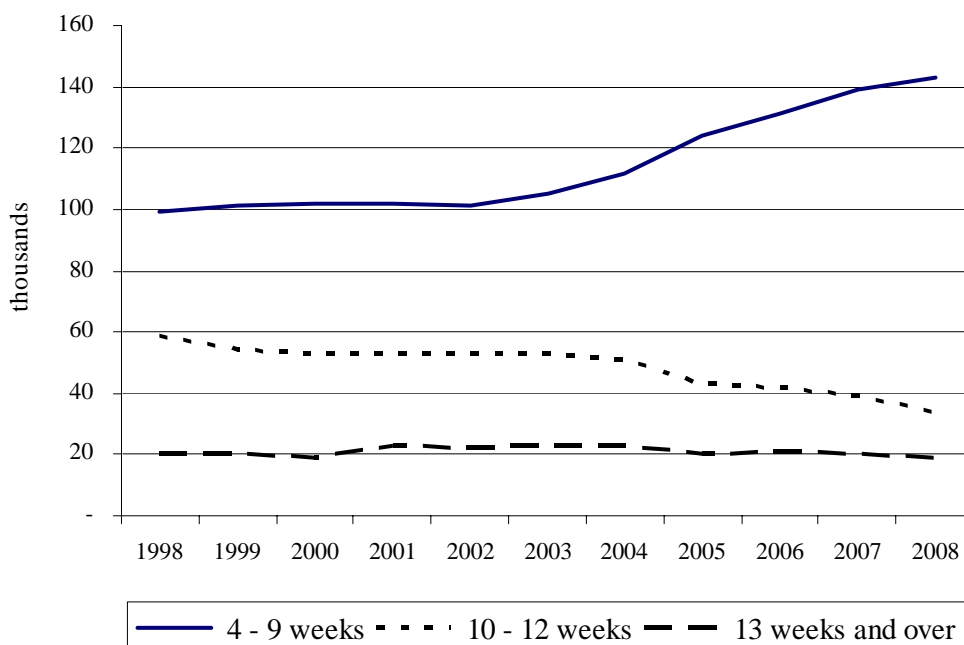
4.2.4 As in 2007 and each year since 1999, fewer than 10 abortions under ground E in 2008 were associated with rubella.

4.2.5 For years 2006, 2007 and 2008, some of the principal medical conditions for abortions performed under Ground E had to be suppressed as the totals for each single year were too small to release (see Section 5). In the three years 2006-2008, there were 15 cases with a principal medical condition of the congenital malformations Microcephaly (ICD10 Code Q02) and 11 cases recorded as 'other malformations of the digestive system' (ICD10 Codes Q38-45). Some other conditions may be available by ICD 10 code on request. Other conditions with suppressed data may be published in a 9 year aggregated table.

4.3 Gestation period

4.3.1 The vast majority of abortions are performed at under 13 weeks gestation.

Figure 3 Numbers of abortions by gestation weeks, 1998-2008



In 2008, about 73% were at under 10 weeks and a further 17% at 10-12 weeks. The proportion at 13 weeks or more was 10% in 2008. The corresponding percentages for 2007 were 70%, 20% 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 within its Sexual Health and HIV strategy. 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 2008 show that progress continues to be made to increase early access: 72% of NHS funded abortions took place at under 10 weeks compared with 51% in 2002. This represents a 41% increase in the proportion of abortions taking place at under 10 weeks between 2002 and 2008 compared with a 11% rise in the total number of abortions over the

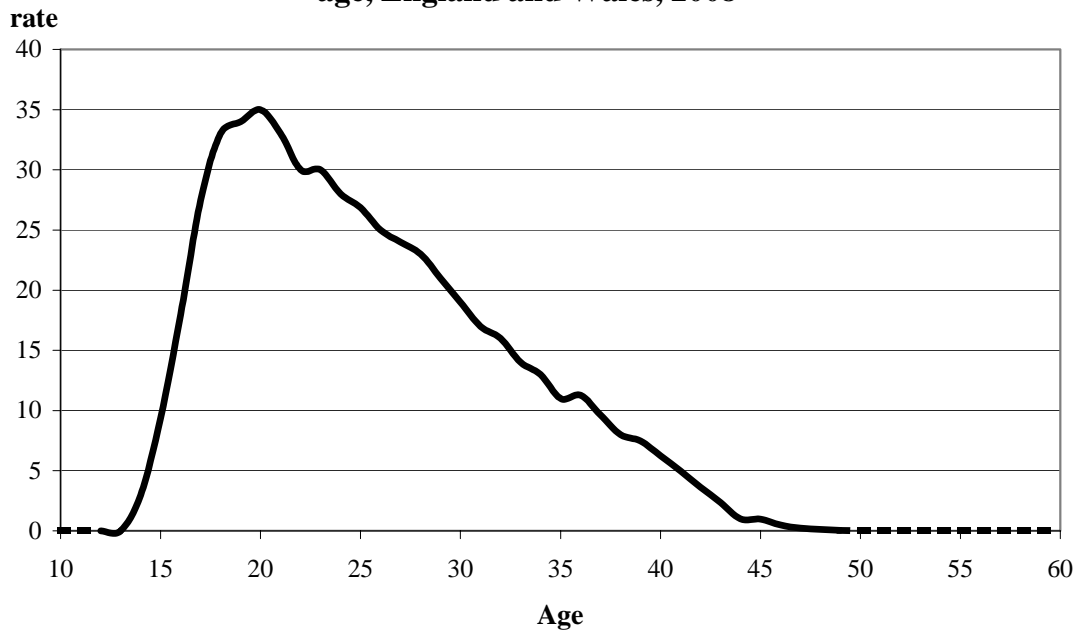
same period. (See Table A.) The percentage of NHS funded abortions at under 10 weeks gestation varies between PCTs from 45% - 85%.

Year	%
2002	51
2003	52
2004	56
2005	63
2006	65
2007	68
2008	72

4.3.3 Abortions where gestation has exceeded its twenty-fourth week account for less than 0.1% of the total. There were 124 such abortions in 2008 (Table 5).

4.3.4 For the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, gestations at 26 weeks and over had to be suppressed as the totals for each single year were too small to release (see Section 5). Table B shows that in the three years 2006-2008, there were a total of 241 abortions performed at 26 weeks and over.

Figure 4 Abortion rate per 1,000 population by single year of age, England and Wales, 2008



This compares with a total of 207 in the three year period 2003-2005.

Gestation weeks	3 year total 2003-2005	3 year total 2006-2008
26	52	45
27	21	31
28	25	24
29	20	26
30	11	22
31	15	12
32	17	30
33	12	14
34	15	12
35 and over	19	25
Total	207	241

4.4 Age

4.4.1 The abortion rate in 2008 was highest at 36 per 1,000, for women age 19. There were just under 1,100 abortions to women aged under 15 and about 660 to women aged 45 or over (see Table 4a and Figure 4).

4.4.2 The under-16 abortion rate was 4.2 in 2008 compared with 4.4 in 2007 and the under-18 rate was 18.9 in 2008, compared with 19.8 in 2007. Rates for women between 20 and 24 were each slightly lower than in 2007. The biggest difference was in women aged 22 where the rate in 2008 was 30 compared with 33 in 2007.

4.4.3 For the years 2006, 2007 and 2008, abortions for girls aged under 14 had to be suppressed as the totals for each single year were too small to release (see Section 5). In the three years 2006-2008, there were a total 23 abortions to girls aged under 13 and 441 abortions to girls aged 13. Table C below, shows 3-year totals for 2003-2005 and 2006-2008.

Age	2003-2005	2006-2008
Under 13	33	23
13	409	441
Total under 14	442	464

4.4.4 A three year under 16 years total and rate by PCO covering years 2006, 2007 and 2008 can be found in Table 10a and 10b respectively. See also Section 5.

4.5 Marital status

4.5.1 81% of abortions in 2008 were carried out for single women, a proportion that has risen slowly from just under three quarters since 1998 (Table 3v).

4.6 Ethnicity

4.6.1 The revised HSA4 forms introduced in 2002 allow for the recording of ethnicity, as self-reported by the women involved; this information was not previously recorded. Ethnicity was recorded on 94% of the forms received for 2008 compared with 80% in 2003. Of women whose ethnicity was recorded, in 2008, 76% were reported as White, 10% 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, or more, recorded for 2008) varies by ethnic group. 29% of Asian women having abortions in 2008 had previously had an abortion, compared with 44% of Black women (Table D).

Asian or Asian British	29%
Black or Black British	44%
Chinese or Other ethnic group	32%
Mixed	40%
White	32%

4.6.3 Data for young women by ethnic group is useful for planning services. It has not been possible to publish data by ethnic group other than at a national level due to small numbers. Table 13 with aggregated data for 2006-2008, shows a large variation in ethnic group by Strategic

Health Authority for women aged under 25.

4.7 Previous abortions

4.7.1 In 2008, 33% of women undergoing abortions had one or more previous abortions. The proportion has risen from about 29% since 1998 (Table 3ix and Table 4b).

4.7.2 In 2008, 24% of abortions to women aged under 25 were repeat abortions (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 2008, about 48% 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 15% 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 38% of the total in 2008. 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 57% of abortions in 2008 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 2008, 67% of abortions performed at 22 weeks and over were reported as preceded by a feticide and 25% were performed by a method whereby the fetal heart is stopped as part of the procedure. 2% of abortions at 22 weeks or beyond were confirmed as having no feticide. For the remaining 5%, 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 2008, about 600 (0.3%) women were reported as having a duration of stay of one or more nights. Half of these stays were for abortions performed at later gestations of 20 weeks and over (See Table E).

Table E Percentage of abortions requiring a duration of stay of one or more nights, by gestation, 2008	
Gestation weeks	(100%)
under 10	25%
10 -12	14%
13-19	11%
20 and over	50%

4.11 Complications

4.11.1 Complications were reported in about 300 cases in 2008, a rate of about 2 in every thousand abortions, slightly lower than in 2006 and 2007 (Table 8).

4.12 Selective terminations

4.12.1 In 2008, there were 54 abortions which were selective terminations. In 37 cases, 2 fetuses were reduced to 1 fetus.

4.12.2 In 2008, about two thirds (67%) 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 2008 shows that 75% of women aged under 25 having abortions in 2008 were offered chlamydia screening. This is little different to the proportion of all women screened which in 2008 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 2008 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 line with the commitment made in the 2004 abortions bulletin, this publication also includes 3 year aggregate figures for 2006-2008 for some of the areas whose data are suppressed each year due to small numbers.

Three year aggregate figures are presented in:

- paragraph 4.3.4 for gestation weeks
- paragraph 4.4.3 for ages 13 and under 13 years
- paragraph 4.2.5 for Ground E conditions
- Tables 10a and 10b for age and age rates by PCT for women aged under 16

- Table 13 for ethnic group by Strategic Health Authority for women aged under 25

Further 3 year aggregate tables are planned for publication in 2012 for the years 2009-2011.

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 2008

England and Wales, residents and non-residents

Year	Total	Residents					Rate per 1,000 women residents aged 15-44		Non-residents Total
		Total	NHS Funded		Privately Funded	ASR*			
			NHS Hospital	Independent Sector		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	
2007	205,598	198,499	75,518	100,195	22,786	18.6	17.9	7,099	
2008	202,158	195,296	74,433	103,905	16,958	18.2	17.6	6,862	

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, 2008

England and Wales, residents		numbers			
	All ages ¹	Under 20	20-34	35 and over	
All legal abortions	195,296	42,690	125,052	27,554	
(i) Purchaser					
NHS Funded: NHS Hospital	74,433	18,427	46,691	9,315	
NHS Funded: Independent Sector	103,905	23,047	66,921	13,937	
Privately Funded	16,958	1,216	11,440	4,302	
(ii) Statutory grounds					
A (alone or with B, C or D) or F or G	51	10	27	14	
B (alone)	381	95	216	70	
B (with C or D)	134	31	86	17	
C (alone)	190,546	42,216	122,039	26,291	
D (alone, or with C)	2,196	235	1,569	392	
E (alone or with A, B, C, or D)	1,988	103	1,115	770	
(iii) Gestation weeks					
3 - 9	142,645	28,874	92,735	21,036	
10 - 12	33,661	8,560	21,010	4,091	
13 -19	16,101	4,503	9,524	2,074	
20 and over	2,889	753	1,783	353	
(iv) Procedure					
Surgical	121,509	26,765	77,113	17,631	
Medical	73,787	15,925	47,939	9,923	
(v) Marital status					
Single no partner	52,945	15,139	33,629	4,177	
Single with partner	76,156	18,737	50,149	7,270	
Single not stated	16,961	4,883	10,690	1,388	
Married/civil partnership	29,131	293	18,149	10,689	
Separated/widowed/divorced	5,214	103	3,029	2,082	
Not known & not stated	14,889	3,535	9,406	1,948	
(vi) Ethnicity					
White - British	125,194	32,046	75,796	17,352	
White - Irish	843	111	567	165	
White - Any other White background	12,549	1,212	9,473	1,864	
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	1,918	679	1,120	119	
Mixed - White and Black African	786	202	497	87	
Mixed - White and Asian	654	145	444	65	
Mixed - Any Other	1,726	361	1,184	181	
Asian or Asian British - Indian	5,444	404	4,143	897	
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	3,061	299	2,279	483	
Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1,547	228	1,152	167	
Asian - Any other Asian background	5,051	439	3,619	993	
Black or Black British - Caribbean	5,594	1,170	3,581	843	
Black or Black British - African	12,573	1,626	9,085	1,862	
Black or Black British - Any other	1,018	204	703	111	
Chinese	2,176	186	1,667	323	
Any other ethnic group	2,549	270	1,828	451	
Not known/not stated	12,613	3,108	7,914	1,591	
(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or still birth)					
0	101,544	37,610	59,617	4,317	
1+	93,752	5,080	65,435	23,237	
(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies					
0	166,329	40,852	105,455	20,022	
1+	28,967	1,838	19,597	7,532	
(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act					
0	130,581	36,732	78,098	15,751	
1+	64,715	5,958	46,954	11,803	

¹ Age not stated have been 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, 1998 to 2008

England and Wales, residents											percentages	
	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	
All legal abortions (=100%)	177,871	173,701	175,542	176,364	175,932	181,582	185,713	186,416	193,737	198,499	195,296	
(i) Purchaser												
NHS Funded: NHS Hospital	49	49	46	43	42	42	40	40	39	38	38	
NHS Funded: Independent Sector	25	25	29	33	36	38	42	44	48	50	53	
Privately Funded	26	26	25	24	22	20	18	16	13	11	9	
(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	0	0	
C (alone)	91	92	92	93	94	94	95	96	97	98	98	
D (alone, or with C)	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	2	1	1	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	56	58	58	58	57	58	60	67	68	70	73	
10 - 12	33	31	30	30	30	29	27	23	22	20	17	
13 - 19	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	9	9	9	8	
20 and over	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	1	
(iv) Procedure												
Vacuum aspiration	82	82	81	81	81	80	76	71	64	60	57	
Dilatation and evacuation	9	8	7	6	4	3	4	5	6	5	5	
Other surgical	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	8	9	11	12	14	16	19	24	30	34	37	
Other medical agent	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
(v) Marital status ¹												
Single no partner	.	.	.	.	25	35	31	33	32	31	29
Single with partner	.	.	.	.	17	30	29	31	36	42	42
Single not stated	.	.	.	.	32	11	17	15	12	8	9
Single (total)	73	74	75	76	75	76	77	79	80	81	81	
Married/civil partnership	20	20	19	19	20	19	18	17	17	16	16	
Separated	3	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	
Widowed	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Divorced	3	3	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	
(vi) Ethnicity ¹												
Asian or Asian British	.	.	.	.	7	7	7	8	8	8	8
Black or Black British	.	.	.	.	12	12	13	13	12	11	10
White	.	.	.	.	75	76	75	74	75	75	76
Chinese or other ethnic group	.	.	.	.	3	3	3	3	2	3	3
Mixed	.	.	.	.	3	2	2	2	3	3	3
(vii) Parity (number of previous pregnancies resulting in live or stillbirth)												
0	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	53	52	
1+	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	47	48	
(viii) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in spontaneous miscarriage and ectopic pregnancies												
0	.	.	.	.	87	87	86	86	86	86	85
1+	.	.	.	.	13	13	14	14	14	14	15
(ix) Number of previous pregnancies resulting in abortion under the Act												
0	71	70	70	69	69	68	68	68	68	68	67	
1+	29	30	30	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	33	

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, 2008
England and Wales, residents

Age ¹	Total	Crude rates per 1,000 women	Age	Total	Rates per 1,000 women
All ages	195,296	18			
Under 15	1,097	2	30-34	26,985	16
Under 14	166	.	30	6,214	19
14	931	3	31	5,642	17
			32	5,386	16
Under 16	4,113	4	33	5,030	14
Under 18	19,387	19	34	4,713	13
15-19	41,593	24	35-39	19,228	9
15	3,016	9	35	4,446	11
16	6,110	18	36	4,299	11
17	9,164	27	37	3,924	10
18	11,267	33	38	3,475	8
19	12,036	36	39	3,084	7
20-24	56,171	32	40-44	7,663	4
20	12,374	35	40	2,602	6
21	11,979	33	41	1,944	5
22	11,104	30	42	1,507	4
23	10,682	30	43	993	2
24	10,032	28	44	617	1
25-29	41,896	24	45-49	642	0
25	9,464	27	45	345	1
26	8,885	25	46	184	0
27	8,492	24	47	64	0
28	8,068	23	48	31	0
29	6,987	21	49	18	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 2007 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, 2008
England and Wales, residents

Number of previous abortions	Total	under 18	18 - 24	25 - 29	30+
0	130,581	17,849	57,123	24,677	30,932
1	49,560	1,448	18,325	12,702	17,085
2	11,354	74	3,232	3,369	4,679
3	2,780	..	..	826	1,290
4	739	..	..	228	395
5	168	..	..	63	85
6	68	..	..	..	39
7 or more	46	..	..	..	34
Total	195,296	19,387	79,474	41,896	54,539

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, 2008

England and Wales, residents

Gestation weeks	Total number of abortions	Purchaser (%)			Method (%)	
		NHS Funded		Privately Funded	Medical	Surgical
		NHS Hospital	Independent Sector			
Total	195,296	38	53	9	38	62
3 and 4	2,997	5	60	35	76	24
5	12,524	17	62	21	64	36
6	31,253	30	57	14	60	40
7	38,449	32	59	9	47	53
8	35,119	46	48	5	39	61
9	22,303	50	46	4	18	82
10	16,297	56	40	4	11	89
11	9,839	51	45	4	12	88
12	7,525	46	49	5	15	85
13	4,683	37	57	6	21	79
14	3,586	31	63	6	24	76
15	2,369	29	65	6	26	74
16	1,976	28	66	6	28	72
17	1,605	25	68	7	25	75
18	1,113	21	72	7	22	78
19	769	22	73	5	23	77
20	855	23	71	6	22	78
21	760	29	65	6	31	69
22	644	30	63	7	24	76
23 ¹	506	27	68	5	24	76
24 and over	124	100	0	0	89	11
24	19	.	.	.	..	..
25	27	.	.	.	..	..
26-27	27	.	.	.	..	..
28-31	27	.	.	.	..	..
32 and over	24	.	.	.	..	..
Total	195,296	38	53	9	38	62
3-8	120,342	33	56	11	51	49
9-12	55,964	51	45	4	15	85
13-19	16,101	30	64	6	24	76
20-23	2,765	27	67	6	25	75
24 and over	124	100	0	0	89	11

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, 2008

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Purchaser	Gestation weeks	All ages ¹	Under 20	20-34	35 and over
Total	Total number (=100%)	195,296	42,690	125,052	27,554
	3-9	73	68	74	76
	10-12	17	20	17	15
	13-19	8	11	8	8
	20 and over	1	2	1	1
NHS Funded: NHS Hospital	Total number (=100%)	74,433	18,427	46,691	9,315
	3-9	69	68	69	67
	10-12	24	25	23	22
	13-19	7	7	6	9
	20 and over	1	1	1	2
NHS Funded: Independent Sector	Total number (=100%)	103,905	23,047	66,921	13,937
	3-9	74	67	75	80
	10-12	14	16	14	12
	13-19	10	14	9	7
	20 and over	2	3	2	1
Privately Funded	Total number (=100%)	16,958	1,216	11,440	4,302
	3-9	85	74	85	87
	10-12	8	13	8	7
	13-19	6	11	6	5
	20 and over	1	2	1	0

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, 2008

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Procedure	Gestation weeks					
	Total	3 - 9	10 - 12	13 - 14	15 - 19	20 & over
Total abortions (=100%)	195,296	142,645	33,661	8,269	7,832	2,889
Surgical	62	54	88	78	74	72
Vacuum Aspiration	57	54	87	65	3	0
Dilatation and Evacuation	5	0	1	13	70	48
Feticide with a surgical evacuation ¹	0	0	0	0	1	24
Medical	38	46	12	22	26	28
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	37	46	12	22	24	16
Other medical agent	0	0	0	0	2	1
Feticide with a medical evacuation	0	0	0	0	0	12

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, 2008

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	52	25	11	..	..
B (alone, or with C or D)	515	312	166	..	..
C (alone)	190,545	140,838	32,610	14,909	2,188
D (alone, or with C)	2,196	1,447	588	..	..
E (alone, or with A, B, C or D)	1,988	23	286	999	680
Total	195,296	142,645	33,661	16,101	2,889

.. 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, 2008

England and Wales, residents

complication rates per 1,000 abortions

Gestation weeks	Total all procedures	Procedure	
		Surgical	Medical
Total complications (numbers)	299	122	177
Rate, all gestations	2	1	2
3 - 9	1	1	2
10 - 12	2	2	5
13 - 19	3	1	8
20 & over	8	..	26

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, 2008

England and Wales, residents		numbers	
ICD-10 code ¹	Condition	Total	Over 24 weeks gestation
Total grounds E alone or with any other		1,988	124²
Q00-Q89	Congenital malformations total	956	85
Q00-Q07	the nervous system total	477	42
Q00	anencephaly	172	..
Q01	encephalocele	20	..
Q03	hydrocephalus	33	..
Q04	other malformations of the brain	75	21
Q05	spina bifida	118	..
Q02, Q06, Q07	other	59	11
Q10-Q89	other congenital malformations total	479	43
Q20-Q28	the cardiovascular system	124	17
Q30-Q34	the respiratory system	10	..
Q60-Q64	the urinary system	101	14
Q65-Q79	the musculoskeletal system	147	..
Q10-Q18, Q35-Q56, Q80-Q89	other	97	..
Q90-Q99	Chromosomal abnormalities total	739	27
Q90	Down's syndrome	436	..
Q910-Q913	Edwards' syndrome	143	..
Q914-Q917	Patau's syndrome	61	..
Q92-Q99	other	99	..
	Other conditions total	293	12
P00-P04	fetus affected by maternal factors	99	..
P05-P08	fetal disorders relating to gestation and growth	15	..
P832-P833	hydrops fetalis not due to haemolytic disease	27	..
Z80-Z84	family history of heritable disorder	140	..
	other ³	12	..

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)

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

² Over 24 week total includes abortions carried out under grounds A, B, F or G.

³ Includes cases where insufficient detail was available to allocate an ICD10 code.

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

Table 10a Legal abortions: numbers by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2008

Residents

numbers

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age ¹						3 year total for age under 16 2006-2008
		Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND & WALES	195,296	19,387	23,303	56,171	41,896	26,985	27,554	12,479
ENGLAND	186,218	18,339	22,057	53,308	40,057	25,936	26,521	11,788
NORTH EAST SHA	7,482	1,002	993	2,287	1,484	881	835	749
5ND County Durham	1,260	201	167	363	242	142	145	151
5J9 Darlington	318	54	44	77	64	37	42	45
5KF Gateshead	473	64	69	155	78	61	46	51
5D9 Hartlepool	317	56	45	96	71	19	30	41
5KM Middlesbrough	509	58	71	174	88	66	52	58
5D7 Newcastle	1,066	103	132	377	220	126	108	67
5E1 North Tees	631	100	81	180	116	81	73	75
5D8 North Tyneside	563	77	72	152	112	72	78	51
TAC Northumberland	724	82	89	215	148	96	94	51
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	363	51	44	112	88	24	44	34
5KG South Tyneside	374	49	56	100	86	51	32	45
5KL Sunderland Teaching	884	107	123	286	171	106	91	80
NORTH WEST SHA	25,019	2,880	3,249	7,681	5,118	3,033	3,058	1,820
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	968	126	126	275	189	125	127	84
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	484	57	51	132	103	77	64	39
5HP Blackpool	506	75	63	171	83	57	57	29
5HQ Bolton	1,051	113	148	297	210	144	139	76
5JX Bury	736	93	108	200	172	85	78	71
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,206	146	175	336	210	167	172	97
5NG Central Lancashire	1,301	154	185	425	223	142	172	96
5NE Cumbria	1,215	187	160	358	203	137	170	118
5NH East Lancashire Teaching	1,227	167	152	369	220	151	168	116
5NM Halton & St Helens	1,082	160	139	321	209	110	143	97
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	790	97	94	259	157	88	95	51
5J4 Knowsley	730	75	88	270	152	70	75	34
5NL Liverpool	2,321	231	312	805	498	262	213	110
5NT Manchester	3,006	252	319	987	714	416	318	163
5NF North Lancashire Teaching	766	113	100	214	144	96	99	61
5J5 Oldham	758	78	80	225	189	93	93	54
5F5 Salford Teaching	1,029	103	129	318	265	114	100	60
5NJ Sefton	873	89	125	275	189	103	92	71
5F7 Stockport	903	106	109	243	184	122	139	66
5LH Tameside & Glossop	1,014	133	147	310	199	125	100	84
5NR Trafford	732	82	106	201	140	79	124	50
5J2 Warrington	688	59	94	195	139	90	111	37
5NN West Cheshire	645	71	115	173	118	78	90	55
5NK Wirral	988	113	124	322	208	102	119	101
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA	16,699	1,985	2,270	5,201	3,325	1,910	2,008	1,435
5JE Barnsley	746	100	98	234	141	82	91	77
5NY Bradford & Airedale teaching	1,809	157	224	611	385	212	220	125
5J6 Calderdale	584	72	82	183	111	58	78	54
5N5 Doncaster	1,253	167	165	385	258	139	139	92
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	660	98	88	178	120	80	96	86
5NX Hull Teaching	945	132	134	308	182	95	94	93
5N2 Kirklees	1,326	165	172	360	272	169	188	108
5N1 Leeds	2,900	309	392	903	617	370	309	192
5AN North East Lincolnshire	568	77	100	185	109	46	51	55
5EF North Lincolnshire	384	52	48	114	74	50	46	58
5NV North Yorkshire & York	1,698	211	246	507	299	189	246	124
5H8 Rotherham	846	130	106	257	158	97	98	98
5N4 Sheffield	1,887	182	282	642	383	194	204	163
5N3 Wakefield District	1,093	133	133	334	216	129	148	110

Table 10a Legal abortions: numbers by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2008

Residents

numbers

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age ¹						3 year total for age under 16 2006-2008
		Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND & WALES	195,296	19,387	23,303	56,171	41,896	26,985	27,554	12,479
ENGLAND	186,218	18,339	22,057	53,308	40,057	25,936	26,521	11,788
EAST MIDLANDS SHA	12,409	1,426	1,618	3,522	2,527	1,651	1,665	894
5ET Bassetlaw	265	48	45	67	45	30	30	37
5N7 Derby City	865	95	99	260	192	117	102	52
5N6 Derbyshire County	1,643	224	234	418	310	209	248	148
5PC Leicester City	1,426	97	153	466	332	214	164	51
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,666	221	237	426	306	210	266	102
5N9 Lincolnshire	1,645	193	246	486	276	201	243	146
5PD Northamptonshire Teaching	2,012	224	225	526	460	279	298	149
5EM Nottingham City	1,300	118	175	455	278	151	123	78
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	1,587	206	204	418	328	240	191	131
WEST MIDLANDS SHA	20,476	2,259	2,560	6,137	4,196	2,611	2,713	1,437
5PG Birmingham East & North	2,032	185	245	624	476	258	244	102
5MD Coventry Teaching	1,941	200	263	575	417	261	225	121
5PE Dudley	1,028	134	143	289	211	110	141	101
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	1,879	132	179	633	421	281	233	67
5CN Herefordshire	486	56	62	132	89	67	80	29
5PH North Staffordshire	560	91	83	164	80	61	81	63
5PF Sandwell	1,297	138	149	379	280	182	169	112
5M2 Shropshire County	682	90	89	190	122	86	105	58
TAM Solihull	669	89	81	197	124	81	97	49
5M1 South Birmingham	1,500	173	201	476	302	197	151	105
5PK South Staffordshire	1,876	223	254	540	362	203	294	133
5PJ Stoke on Trent	887	102	133	289	186	83	94	79
5MK Telford & Wrekin	609	79	67	189	115	85	74	50
5M3 Walsall Teaching	923	104	125	281	180	135	98	75
5PM Warwickshire	1,669	193	211	460	339	199	267	114
5MV Wolverhampton City	1,166	116	124	354	260	168	144	69
5PL Worcestershire	1,272	154	151	365	232	154	216	110
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA	16,460	1,537	2,091	4,534	3,410	2,299	2,589	981
5P2 Bedfordshire	1,255	130	155	305	262	196	207	72
5PP Cambridgeshire	1,271	111	179	347	251	159	224	75
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	1,743	149	203	502	371	234	284	103
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	576	59	99	163	121	60	74	39
5GC Luton	943	66	83	296	251	148	99	26
5PX Mid Essex	932	98	127	244	162	134	167	63
5PQ Norfolk	1,631	175	215	477	311	211	242	122
5PW North East Essex	760	79	111	226	140	102	102	51
5PN Peterborough	692	60	93	187	167	99	86	41
5P1 South East Essex	1,048	114	132	291	202	156	153	74
5PY South West Essex	1,611	150	198	460	347	237	219	88
5PT Suffolk	1,282	129	171	320	259	176	227	80
5PV West Essex	1,087	94	151	278	204	158	202	62
5P4 West Hertfordshire	1,629	123	174	438	362	229	303	85

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Residents numbers

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ENGLAND	186,218	18,339	22,057	53,308	40,057	25,936	26,521	11,788
LONDON SHA	48,679	3,128	4,418	13,171	12,223	8,295	7,444	1,865
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	1,507	99	143	423	377	262	203	60
5A9 Barnet	1,697	102	131	455	466	267	276	49
TAK Bexley Care Trust	1,054	118	132	280	217	151	156	62
5K5 Brent Teaching	2,129	96	151	563	568	388	363	49
5A7 Bromley	1,256	113	159	337	227	185	235	68
5K7 Camden	1,235	77	86	336	346	205	185	26
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	1,943	117	132	523	529	349	293	72
5K9 Croydon	2,236	194	247	562	494	387	352	123
5HX Ealing	1,868	96	123	513	502	319	315	50
5C1 Enfield	1,788	125	210	513	399	278	263	65
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	1,826	126	188	494	471	302	245	92
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	1,158	50	84	327	348	177	172	34
5C9 Haringey Teaching	1,676	105	152	499	390	282	248	78
5K6 Harrow	1,162	63	108	296	297	214	184	33
5A4 Havering	1,058	118	157	284	190	164	145	58
5AT Hillingdon	1,403	110	169	375	300	231	218	74
5HY Hounslow	1,437	97	114	391	355	282	198	60
5K8 Islington	1,293	80	101	355	351	215	191	59
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	830	32	51	191	231	169	156	22
5A5 Kingston	681	44	85	205	125	103	119	19
5LD Lambeth	2,574	142	207	688	685	483	369	81
5LF Lewisham	2,321	170	215	571	603	388	374	114
5C5 Newham	1,958	104	174	550	524	326	280	50
5NA Redbridge	1,492	99	122	420	364	248	239	48
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	599	40	67	140	123	111	118	22
5LE Southwark	2,632	155	226	675	680	472	424	106
5M7 Sutton & Merton	1,735	150	184	468	372	283	278	94
5C4 Tower Hamlets	1,596	61	152	498	490	256	139	38
5NC Waltham Forest	1,779	119	164	504	455	265	272	66
5LG Wandsworth	1,490	71	108	363	407	294	247	63
5LC Westminster	1,266	55	76	372	337	239	187	30
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA	13,248	1,364	1,727	3,547	2,605	1,779	2,226	846
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	1,337	92	156	401	282	179	227	61
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	832	101	136	209	159	94	133	64
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,333	247	322	640	461	309	354	160
5P8 Hastings & Rother	574	81	79	145	105	74	90	46
5L3 Medway	1,057	107	143	289	231	145	142	73
5P5 Surrey	2,881	267	337	715	536	435	591	174
5P9 West Kent	2,058	227	274	536	432	259	330	138
5P6 West Sussex	2,176	242	280	612	399	284	359	130
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA	11,934	1,135	1,362	3,322	2,484	1,730	1,901	764
5QG Berkshire East	1,436	95	148	386	325	216	266	57
5QF Berkshire West	1,318	106	148	356	302	180	226	89
5QD Buckinghamshire	1,403	134	159	378	282	201	249	71
5QC Hampshire	3,195	406	378	826	582	473	530	240
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	227	31	35	63	38	29	31	23
5CQ Milton Keynes	1,020	84	98	245	269	172	152	61
5QE Oxfordshire	1,448	139	159	393	287	209	261	100
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	868	67	117	306	170	116	92	63
5L1 Southampton City	1,019	73	120	369	229	134	94	60

Table 10a Legal abortions: numbers by Primary Care Organisation: England, Local Health Board: Wales, by age, 2008

Residents

numbers

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board	Total number of abortions	Age ¹						3 year total for age under 16 2006-2008
		Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND & WALES	195,296	19,387	23,303	56,171	41,896	26,985	27,554	12,479
ENGLAND	186,218	18,339	22,057	53,308	40,057	25,936	26,521	11,788
SOUTH WEST SHA	13,812	1,623	1,769	3,906	2,685	1,747	2,082	997
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	451	45	57	153	80	46	70	30
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,106	95	136	328	254	144	149	61
5QJ Bristol	1,608	147	182	473	361	217	228	91
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,136	148	164	300	244	134	146	93
5QQ Devon	1,570	203	228	427	291	190	231	117
5QM Dorset	864	126	118	242	133	101	144	70
5QH Gloucestershire	1,496	166	177	436	288	178	251	117
5M8 North Somerset	475	49	59	128	94	59	86	40
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	829	100	102	279	152	93	103	65
5QL Somerset	1,232	172	176	337	207	141	199	80
5A3 South Gloucestershire	717	87	88	188	125	99	130	55
5K3 Swindon	703	64	87	193	137	122	100	46
TAL Torbay	475	86	68	137	85	51	48	48
5QK Wiltshire	1,150	135	127	285	234	172	197	84
WALES	9,078	1,048	1,246	2,863	1,839	1,049	1,033	691
6B1 Angelsey	172	27	27	48	28	16	26	10
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	188	24	18	64	41	25	16	19
6B3 Bridgend	415	45	47	124	97	50	52	31
6B2 Caerphilly	536	44	75	171	115	60	71	42
6A8 Cardiff	1,256	107	161	465	284	133	106	52
6B7 Carmarthen	446	46	72	118	90	53	67	22
6A4 Ceredigion	141	19	26	49	26	11	10	15
6A7 Conwy	312	45	46	94	50	38	39	26
6C1 Denbighshire	274	46	33	73	50	34	38	19
6B5 Flintshire	422	44	72	108	92	48	58	25
6A2 Gwynedd	341	40	47	97	73	41	43	27
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	181	33	29	66	25	13	15	19
6A1 Monmouth	184	27	31	47	22	29	28	20
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	396	56	52	111	77	51	49	45
6B9 Newport	496	54	65	145	101	54	77	40
6A3 Pembroke	339	45	39	98	70	46	41	34
6C4 Powys	300	37	43	78	60	41	41	24
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	823	103	114	261	181	88	76	74
6A6 Swansea	748	78	105	265	147	78	75	41
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	350	41	44	126	55	50	34	40
6C3 Torfaen	280	42	35	95	59	30	19	35
6B4 Wrexham	478	45	65	160	96	60	52	31

¹ 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, 2008

Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board		Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR ²	Age ¹						3 year rate for age ³ under 16 2006-2008
				rates per 1,000 women						
				Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND AND WALES		195,296	18.2	18.9	33.3	31.6	23.9	15.6	6.7	4.1
ENGLAND		186,218	18.3	19.0	33.5	31.7	24.0	15.7	6.8	4.2
NORTH EAST SHA		7,482	15	20	28	25	19	12	4	5
5ND	County Durham	1,260	13	21	23	21	18	10	4	5
5J9	Darlington	318	17	28	36	28	22	12	6	8
5KF	Gateshead	473	13	18	29	27	13	10	3	5
5D9	Hartlepool	317	18	29	36	32	26	8	4	7
5KM	Middlesbrough	509	17	20	32	30	20	17	5	7
5D7	Newcastle	1,066	16	23	25	22	21	17	6	5
5E1	North Tees	631	17	26	31	29	21	14	5	6
5D8	North Tyneside	563	15	21	31	27	18	12	5	5
TAC	Northumberland	724	15	14	26	28	20	12	4	3
5QR	Redcar & Cleveland	363	14	18	24	27	23	7	4	4
5KG	South Tyneside	374	13	17	28	20	19	12	3	5
5KL	Sunderland Teaching	884	16	19	33	29	19	13	4	5
NORTH WEST SHA		25,019	18	21	35	32	25	15	6	4
5HG	Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	968	17	21	33	31	21	13	5	5
5CC	Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	484	17	18	25	28	23	17	6	4
5HP	Blackpool	506	20	27	35	40	22	15	5	4
5HQ	Bolton	1,051	21	20	43	37	27	17	7	5
5JX	Bury	736	22	24	46	37	32	14	5	6
5NP	Central & Eastern Cheshire	1,206	16	17	34	29	19	13	5	4
5NG	Central Lancashire	1,301	15	17	30	27	18	11	5	4
5NE	Cumbria	1,215	15	20	29	30	18	11	5	4
5NH	East Lancashire Teaching	1,227	17	20	30	33	20	13	6	5
5NM	Halton & St Helens	1,082	19	26	35	34	24	12	6	5
5NQ	Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	790	20	22	34	38	26	14	6	4
5J4	Knowsley	730	24	22	39	49	34	16	6	3
5NL	Liverpool	2,321	22	28	41	34	30	20	7	5
5NT	Manchester	3,006	24	32	38	32	28	26	11	7
5NF	North Lancashire Teaching	766	12	18	20	18	17	12	4	3
5J5	Oldham	758	18	17	28	32	28	14	6	4
5F5	Salford Teaching	1,029	21	24	42	33	32	17	7	5
5NJ	Sefton	873	19	15	34	34	30	15	4	4
5F7	Stockport	903	18	19	31	32	24	14	6	4
5LH	Tameside & Glossop	1,014	21	25	44	40	26	16	5	5
5NR	Trafford	732	19	20	45	35	22	11	7	4
5J2	Warrington	688	19	15	40	35	26	15	7	3
5NN	West Cheshire	645	15	16	35	23	19	12	5	4
5NK	Wirral	988	18	18	31	35	27	12	5	5
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA		16,699	16	20	31	27	20	12	5	5
5JE	Barnsley	746	18	22	36	36	22	13	5	6
5NY	Bradford & Airedale Teaching	1,809	17	15	33	33	21	13	6	4
5J6	Calderdale	584	16	18	33	32	20	9	5	5
5N5	Doncaster	1,253	24	29	43	44	32	17	6	5
5NW	East Riding of Yorkshire	660	13	16	23	23	18	9	4	5
5NX	Hull Teaching	945	16	26	36	26	18	12	5	6
5N2	Kirklees	1,326	16	21	31	26	22	13	6	5
5N1	Leeds	2,900	16	22	30	22	20	15	6	5
5AN	North East Lincolnshire	568	19	22	42	38	24	11	4	5
5EF	North Lincolnshire	384	15	17	27	28	18	12	4	6
5NV	North Yorkshire & York	1,698	12	14	24	22	15	9	4	3
5H8	Rotherham	846	18	25	34	35	22	13	5	6
5N4	Sheffield	1,887	16	19	32	25	21	12	5	6
5N3	Wakefield District	1,093	18	20	33	34	23	14	6	6

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Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board		Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR ²	Age ¹						3 year rate for age ³ under 16 2006-2008
				Under 18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND AND WALES		195,296	18.2	18.9	33.3	31.6	23.9	15.6	6.7	4.1
ENGLAND		186,218	18.3	19.0	33.5	31.7	24.0	15.7	6.8	4.2
EAST MIDLANDS SHA		12,409	15	17	28	24	20	13	5	4
5ET	Bassetlaw	265	14	22	35	24	17	10	3	6
5N7	Derby City	865	17	20	30	27	23	15	6	4
5N6	Derbyshire County	1,643	13	16	29	24	17	10	4	4
5PC	Leicester City	1,426	19	18	30	27	26	21	8	3
5PA	Leicestershire County & Rutland	1,666	13	16	26	22	17	11	5	3
5N9	Lincolnshire	1,645	14	15	28	26	17	11	5	4
5PD	Northamptonshire Teaching	2,012	16	17	26	27	22	13	5	4
5EM	Nottingham City	1,300	16	24	27	21	20	16	7	5
5N8	Nottinghamshire County	1,587	13	16	26	22	17	12	4	4
WEST MIDLANDS SHA		20,476	20	21	36	35	26	16	7	5
5PG	Birmingham East & North	2,032	23	21	42	41	32	20	8	4
5MD	Coventry Teaching	1,941	28	35	52	41	36	28	11	7
5PE	Dudley	1,028	19	23	40	33	24	12	6	6
5MX	Heart of Birmingham Teaching	1,879	27	23	35	41	33	31	14	4
5CN	Herefordshire	486	18	16	31	34	24	15	6	3
5PH	North Staffordshire	560	14	23	28	24	15	11	5	5
5PF	Sandwell	1,297	22	23	40	40	28	19	8	6
5M2	Shropshire County	682	16	16	28	31	20	12	5	4
TAM	Solihull	669	19	20	33	35	24	15	6	4
5M1	South Birmingham	1,500	18	26	36	28	22	18	6	5
5PK	South Staffordshire	1,876	18	18	35	34	24	12	6	4
5PJ	Stoke on Trent	887	17	21	37	31	23	11	5	6
5MK	Telford & Wrekin	609	20	24	29	39	26	17	6	5
5M3	Walsall Teaching	923	19	20	38	35	24	18	5	5
5PM	Warwickshire	1,669	18	19	34	32	23	13	7	4
5MV	Wolverhampton City	1,166	25	25	41	44	32	24	8	5
5PL	Worcestershire	1,272	14	14	24	28	16	10	5	4
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA		16,460	16	14	30	28	20	13	6	3
5P2	Bedfordshire	1,255	16	17	33	27	21	14	6	3
5PP	Cambridgeshire	1,271	10	10	21	17	13	8	5	2
5P3	East & North Hertfordshire	1,743	17	14	32	32	22	13	6	3
5PR	Great Yarmouth & Waveney	576	17	15	38	30	25	11	5	3
5GC	Luton	943	22	18	31	37	33	24	7	2
5PX	Mid Essex	932	14	14	30	26	16	12	6	3
5PQ	Norfolk	1,631	12	14	24	22	15	10	5	3
5PW	North East Essex	760	12	14	26	21	14	11	5	3
5PN	Peterborough	692	21	19	44	36	29	17	7	4
5P1	South East Essex	1,048	18	18	34	32	23	16	6	4
5PY	South West Essex	1,611	21	19	42	40	27	17	7	4
5PT	Suffolk	1,282	13	12	26	21	16	10	5	2
5PV	West Essex	1,087	22	17	47	38	26	19	9	4
5P4	West Hertfordshire	1,629	17	12	30	34	21	12	7	3

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Primary Care Organisation/ Local Health Board		Total number of abortions	Rate per 1000 women resident aged 15-44 ASR ²	Age ¹						3 year rate for age ³ under 16 2006-2008
				Under						
				18	18-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35 +	
ENGLAND AND WALES		195,296	18.2	18.9	33.3	31.6	23.9	15.6	6.7	4.1
ENGLAND		186,218	18.3	19.0	33.5	31.7	24.0	15.7	6.8	4.2
LONDON SHA		48,679	27	25	50	47	33	24	12	5
5C2	Barking & Dagenham	1,507	40	29	72	68	56	41	15	6
5A9	Barnet	1,697	25	18	38	45	34	20	10	3
TAK	Bexley Care Trust	1,054	25	25	45	42	33	21	9	5
5K5	Brent Teaching	2,129	33	21	47	53	42	34	17	4
5A7	Bromley	1,256	23	20	51	46	24	18	9	4
5K7	Camden	1,235	18	28	29	27	20	14	10	3
5C3	City & Hackney Teaching	1,943	34	32	49	61	42	30	16	7
5K9	Croydon	2,236	32	29	60	55	40	30	12	6
5HX	Ealing	1,868	26	20	37	48	35	23	13	3
5C1	Enfield	1,788	30	23	61	55	36	27	11	4
5A8	Greenwich Teaching	1,826	35	32	67	60	45	30	13	8
5H1	Hammersmith & Fulham	1,158	25	24	48	43	29	17	12	5
5C9	Haringey Teaching	1,676	31	30	59	61	32	25	12	7
5K6	Harrow	1,162	27	16	42	45	39	27	11	3
5A4	Havering	1,058	25	26	56	43	28	24	8	4
5AT	Hillingdon	1,403	25	23	47	38	33	25	11	5
5HY	Hounslow	1,437	28	26	44	48	33	29	11	5
5K8	Islington	1,293	24	32	43	39	26	20	12	8
5LA	Kensington & Chelsea	830	19	17	28	29	24	19	10	4
5A5	Kingston	681	18	16	39	31	19	15	9	3
5LD	Lambeth	2,574	37	38	77	66	37	31	16	7
5LF	Lewisham	2,321	37	39	70	61	48	31	16	9
5C5	Newham	1,958	30	21	51	49	42	29	15	3
5NA	Redbridge	1,492	27	19	40	50	36	25	12	3
5M6	Richmond & Twickenham	599	17	15	35	31	20	14	7	3
5LE	Southwark	2,632	37	40	80	58	40	33	18	9
5M7	Sutton & Merton	1,735	22	23	44	41	23	16	8	5
5C4	Tower Hamlets	1,596	24	18	53	46	31	19	9	4
5NC	Waltham Forest	1,779	36	30	65	68	49	26	14	6
5LG	Wandsworth	1,490	20	26	43	32	18	14	10	8
5LC	Westminster	1,266	19	25	26	30	20	18	10	5
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA		13,248	17	17	34	31	22	14	7	4
5LQ	Brighton & Hove City	1,337	22	22	38	34	27	18	11	5
5P7	East Sussex Downs & Weald	832	16	16	35	28	22	12	6	4
5QA	Eastern & Coastal Kent	2,333	17	17	32	28	23	15	7	4
5P8	Hastings & Rother	574	21	24	39	37	27	18	7	5
5L3	Medway	1,057	21	20	42	36	28	18	7	5
5P5	Surrey	2,881	15	13	29	27	17	12	7	3
5P9	West Kent	2,058	18	16	36	33	23	12	6	3
5P6	West Sussex	2,176	17	17	32	34	20	13	6	3
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA		11,934	15	15	26	25	19	13	6	3
5QG	Berkshire East	1,436	18	13	30	32	23	14	8	3
5QF	Berkshire West	1,318	14	12	24	24	20	11	6	3
5QD	Buckinghamshire	1,403	16	13	29	31	20	13	6	2
5QC	Hampshire	3,195	14	17	25	25	18	13	5	3
5QT	Isle of Wight NHS	227	11	12	23	20	13	9	3	3
5CQ	Milton Keynes	1,020	22	18	35	36	34	19	8	5
5QE	Oxfordshire	1,448	11	12	19	17	14	10	5	3
5FE	Portsmouth City Teaching	868	17	20	33	27	19	18	7	7
5L1	Southampton City	1,019	16	19	27	25	20	16	6	5

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Residents

rates per 1,000 women

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ENGLAND AND WALES	195,296	18.2	18.9	33.3	31.6	23.9	15.6	6.7	4.1
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SOUTH WEST SHA	13,812	15	17	27	26	19	12	5	4
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	451	12	14	19	19	15	9	6	3
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	1,106	19	17	33	31	27	16	7	4
5QJ Bristol	1,608	15	23	29	20	18	14	8	5
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	1,136	13	15	27	23	20	10	4	3
5QQ Devon	1,570	13	15	24	20	17	10	4	3
5QM Dorset	864	16	16	27	33	18	11	5	3
5QH Gloucestershire	1,496	15	14	24	29	19	11	6	4
5M8 North Somerset	475	15	14	26	27	19	10	6	4
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	829	15	22	26	24	19	13	6	5
5QL Somerset	1,232	15	16	28	29	17	11	5	3
5A3 South Gloucestershire	717	15	18	26	26	17	12	6	4
5K3 Swindon	703	19	19	38	35	21	17	6	4
TAL Torbay	475	22	36	43	41	28	16	5	7
5QK Wiltshire	1,150	16	15	25	31	22	13	5	3
WALES	9,078	16	18	31	29	22	13	5	4
6B1 Angelsey	172	15	19	33	28	17	9	6	2
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	188	14	16	19	29	21	13	3	4
6B3 Bridgend	415	18	17	29	34	27	13	5	4
6B2 Caerphilly	536	17	13	33	33	22	11	5	4
6A8 Cardiff	1,256	15	18	26	24	21	13	5	3
6B7 Carmarthen	446	15	13	33	24	20	12	5	2
6A4 Ceredigion	141	9	14	17	12	13	7	2	4
6A7 Conwy	312	19	21	39	40	21	15	5	4
6C1 Denbighshire	274	17	24	30	31	22	14	6	3
6B5 Flintshire	422	16	15	44	27	23	11	5	3
6A2 Gwynedd	341	15	19	26	22	24	14	6	4
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	181	17	28	38	37	16	9	4	6
6A1 Monmouth	184	14	15	29	28	13	15	4	4
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	396	16	21	30	27	22	13	5	6
6B9 Newport	496	18	18	33	31	27	14	7	5
6A3 Pembroke	339	19	18	28	37	26	16	5	5
6C4 Powys	300	17	14	31	30	24	14	4	3
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	823	18	22	36	33	24	12	4	5
6A6 Swansea	748	16	19	30	28	22	13	5	3
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	350	16	16	27	37	17	14	4	5
6C3 Torfaen	280	17	22	29	35	23	12	3	6
6B4 Wrexham	478	20	18	43	41	24	16	5	4

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

² Rates for PCOs and LHBs are based on 2007 mid year population estimates

³ Rates for under 16 are based on populations 13-15

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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		NHS Hospital	Indep- endent Sector								
ENGLAND & WALES	38	53	9	73	17	10	178,338	128,227	71.9	24.2	
ENGLAND	37	54	9	73	17	10	170,010	122,703	72.2	24.4	
NORTH EAST SHA	95	1	4	70	19	11	7,175	4,991	70	19	
5ND County Durham	94	1	4	69	21	10	1,205	829	69	17	
5J9 Darlington	95	..	..	82	9	8	305	251	82	18
5KF Gateshead	95	..	..	67	20	13	452	302	67	22
5D9 Hartlepool	97	..	..	71	22	6	309	219	71	20
5KM Middlesbrough	94	..	..	61	24	15	484	287	59	26
5D7 Newcastle	97	..	..	75	16	9	1,043	780	75	17
5E1 North Tees	95	..	..	73	17	10	601	439	73	22
5D8 North Tyneside	97	..	..	80	13	7	551	439	80	21
TAC Northumberland	97	..	..	77	12	11	708	549	78	20
5QR Redcar & Cleveland	90	..	..	58	24	18	335	191	57	20
5KG South Tyneside	95	..	..	73	17	10	359	261	73	20
5KL Sunderland Teaching	92	1	7	56	31	13	823	444	54	17	
NORTH WEST SHA	53	41	5	73	17	9	23,652	17,190	73	22	
5HG Ashton, Leigh & Wigan	67	26	7	60	27	12	903	529	59	17	
5CC Blackburn & Darwen Teaching	92	3	5	78	16	6	460	355	77	19	
5HP Blackpool	8	89	3	74	15	11	493	363	74	24	
5HQ Bolton	44	49	7	75	16	9	979	722	74	23	
5JX Bury	30	62	9	74	17	9	672	489	73	27	
5NP Central & Eastern Cheshire	45	47	8	67	20	12	1,112	734	66	20	
5NG Central Lancashire	23	72	6	78	13	9	1,229	961	78	20	
5NE Cumbria	90	6	4	74	17	9	1,168	865	74	20	
5NH East Lancashire Teaching	90	3	7	80	13	8	1,145	904	79	23	
5NM Halton & St Helens	43	52	5	72	19	9	1,033	740	72	18	
5NQ Heywood, Middleton & Rochdale	53	42	5	73	16	11	750	537	72	21	
5J4 Knowsley	81	16	4	72	20	8	703	504	72	27	
5NL Liverpool	83	14	3	70	21	9	2,244	1,569	70	24	
5NT Manchester	27	68	5	79	13	8	2,864	2,243	78	27	
5NF North Lancashire Teaching	36	57	7	77	17	7	709	538	76	18	
5J5 Oldham	77	17	6	78	15	7	711	547	77	19	
5F5 Salford Teaching	62	32	6	60	29	11	965	562	58	21	
5NJ Sefton	80	16	4	69	20	10	836	572	68	20	
5F7 Stockport	43	51	6	73	14	13	853	612	72	21	
5LH Tameside & Glossop	62	33	5	77	15	9	965	732	76	26	
5NR Trafford	18	74	8	77	14	9	675	516	76	26	
5J2 Warrington	2	88	9	77	13	10	624	471	75	28	
5NN West Cheshire	63	31	5	70	17	13	612	423	69	18	
5NK Wirral	55	41	4	74	14	12	947	702	74	20	
YORKSHIRE & THE HUMBER SHA	57	36	7	69	22	10	15,554	10,493	67	22	
5JE Barnsley	80	12	8	48	37	14	688	312	45	21	
5NY Bradford & Airedale Teaching	72	20	8	67	24	9	1,673	1,107	66	21	
5J6 Calderdale	87	..	..	74	16	10	528	382	72	24
5N5 Doncaster	3	95	2	80	13	7	1,231	985	80	25	
5NW East Riding of Yorkshire	77	11	12	54	37	8	580	292	50	13	
5NX Hull Teaching	84	12	4	47	44	9	906	408	45	16	
5N2 Kirklees	54	38	8	73	17	10	1,221	879	72	21	
5N1 Leeds	31	62	7	79	13	8	2,704	2,126	79	23	
5AN North East Lincolnshire	95	..	..	64	26	10	545	349	64	28
5EF North Lincolnshire	84	5	11	52	31	17	342	169	49	15	
5NV North Yorkshire & York	49	42	9	66	24	10	1,540	982	64	19	
5H8 Rotherham	89	5	5	71	17	12	800	557	70	23	
5N4 Sheffield	92	1	7	64	26	10	1,762	1,097	62	24	
5N3 Wakefield District	2	93	5	83	9	9	1,034	848	82	25	

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EAST MIDLANDS SHA	71	22	6	63	27	11	11,649	7,144	61	20	
5ET Bassetlaw	79	14	7	68	20	12	246	167	68	20	
5N7 Derby City	91	3	6	66	27	7	812	533	66	20	
5N6 Derbyshire County	83	10	7	66	24	10	1,529	993	65	19	
5PC Leicester City	72	23	5	62	28	11	1,357	824	61	24	
5PA Leicestershire County & Rutland	56	38	6	68	22	10	1,566	1,044	67	19	
5N9 Lincolnshire	90	3	7	58	32	10	1,531	855	56	15	
5PD Northamptonshire Teaching	49	43	8	60	27	13	1,849	1,070	58	23	
5EM Nottingham City	66	30	3	65	25	10	1,255	804	64	23	
5N8 Nottinghamshire County	78	17	5	58	29	13	1,504	854	57	17	
WEST MIDLANDS SHA	6	89	5	74	16	10	19,469	14,213	73	26	
5PG Birmingham East & North	2	94	4	79	13	8	1,952	1,543	79	30	
5MD Coventry Teaching	..	98	..	77	14	10	1,917	1,474	77	30	
5PE Dudley	1	92	6	70	18	12	964	667	69	30	
5MX Heart of Birmingham Teaching	1	93	6	81	11	8	1,773	1,428	81	28	
5CN Herefordshire	78	16	5	80	12	8	460	367	80	20	
5PH North Staffordshire	3	94	3	75	14	11	543	406	75	18	
5PF Sandwell	2	92	6	75	16	9	1,220	899	74	23	
5M2 Shropshire County	5	90	5	65	21	14	649	417	64	18	
TAM Solihull	..	92	..	79	12	9	626	497	79	30	
5M1 South Birmingham	2	94	4	75	14	10	1,438	1,071	74	31	
5PK South Staffordshire	3	89	8	61	26	13	1,723	1,015	59	24	
5PJ Stoke on Trent	2	96	2	72	14	14	867	625	72	23	
5MK Telford & Wrekin	2	95	2	68	22	10	594	404	68	26	
5M3 Walsall Teaching	57	38	5	76	16	8	881	661	75	24	
5PM Warwickshire	2	96	3	72	16	12	1,627	1,164	72	22	
5MV Wolverhampton City	5	87	8	69	19	11	1,070	733	69	29	
5PL Worcestershire	2	90	8	73	17	10	1,165	842	72	20	
EAST OF ENGLAND SHA	46	45	9	74	17	9	15,001	10,885	73	24	
5P2 Bedfordshire	57	36	7	71	18	11	1,165	814	70	22	
5PP Cambridgeshire	77	13	9	67	21	12	1,152	753	65	20	
5P3 East & North Hertfordshire	7	83	10	80	11	9	1,564	1,230	79	26	
5PR Great Yarmouth & Waveney	87	8	5	52	38	10	547	282	52	24	
5GC Luton	38	56	6	77	12	10	884	686	78	24	
5PX Mid Essex	22	67	11	78	14	8	833	645	77	25	
5PQ Norfolk	90	5	5	75	18	8	1,554	1,156	74	20	
5PW North East Essex	59	29	12	69	20	11	671	450	67	20	
5PN Peterborough	71	25	4	65	24	10	662	431	65	21	
5P1 South East Essex	44	48	8	78	15	7	964	746	77	20	
5PY South West Essex	14	77	8	80	12	8	1,476	1,171	79	31	
5PT Suffolk	86	2	11	62	29	9	1,138	678	60	21	
5PV West Essex	23	65	12	77	15	9	953	712	75	26	
5P4 West Hertfordshire	11	77	12	80	10	10	1,438	1,131	79	27	

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ENGLAND	37	54	9	73	17	10	170,010	122,703	72.2	24.4	
LONDON SHA	19	65	15	77	14	9	41,172	31,284	76	31	
5C2 Barking & Dagenham	1	90	9	81	10	8	1,365	1,104	81	38	
5A9 Barnet	1	84	15	82	11	7	1,450	1,192	82	36	
TAK Bexley Care Trust	7	84	9	82	9	9	963	792	82	28	
5K5 Brent Teaching	3	85	12	83	10	8	1,882	1,552	82	32	
5A7 Bromley	2	87	10	79	12	9	1,125	889	79	30	
5K7 Camden	15	67	19	82	11	7	1,005	800	80	26	
5C3 City & Hackney Teaching	75	8	17	70	21	9	1,616	1,074	66	35	
5K9 Croydon	1	91	8	81	11	8	2,056	1,670	81	35	
5HX Ealing	2	80	18	80	11	9	1,534	1,207	79	30	
5C1 Enfield	13	67	20	69	20	12	1,432	929	65	31	
5A8 Greenwich Teaching	33	56	11	81	12	7	1,621	1,301	80	33	
5H1 Hammersmith & Fulham	13	68	18	79	12	9	945	725	77	30	
5C9 Haringey Teaching	14	62	23	69	19	12	1,283	831	65	32	
5K6 Harrow	2	88	10	85	9	6	1,047	892	85	31	
5A4 Havering	1	87	11	85	8	7	937	792	85	32	
5AT Hillingdon	5	82	13	81	11	9	1,220	972	80	30	
5HY Hounslow	9	74	17	71	17	13	1,195	809	68	28	
5K8 Islington	16	68	15	76	15	9	1,096	806	74	30	
5LA Kensington & Chelsea	61	8	31	78	13	9	570	436	76	24	
5A5 Kingston	3	85	12	81	10	9	602	488	81	27	
5LD Lambeth	9	78	13	75	15	10	2,237	1,616	72	33	
5LF Lewisham	9	81	10	77	14	10	2,096	1,583	76	34	
5C5 Newham	68	6	26	68	18	14	1,451	921	63	28	
5NA Redbridge	2	85	13	82	10	8	1,298	1,055	81	36	
5M6 Richmond & Twickenham	52	25	23	78	13	9	460	343	75	26	
5LE Southwark	10	80	11	76	15	9	2,350	1,769	75	35	
5M7 Sutton & Merton	30	54	16	70	18	11	1,460	985	67	28	
5C4 Tower Hamlets	73	11	16	79	14	8	1,335	1,031	77	27	
5NC Waltham Forest	2	84	14	81	10	9	1,532	1,238	81	35	
5LG Wandsworth	37	39	24	72	19	9	1,126	763	68	29	
5LC Westminster	45	25	30	82	12	6	883	719	81	29	
SOUTH EAST COAST SHA	10	83	7	76	14	10	12,336	9,335	76	24	
5LQ Brighton & Hove City	..	95	..	79	12	9	1,274	1,000	78	25	
5P7 East Sussex Downs & Weald	..	93	..	68	20	12	792	535	68	22	
5QA Eastern & Coastal Kent	3	91	6	76	14	10	2,197	1,661	76	25	
5P8 Hastings & Rother	40	57	3	71	15	14	555	396	71	24	
5L3 Medway	3	89	7	77	13	10	978	745	76	26	
5P5 Surrey	3	88	9	81	10	9	2,610	2,122	81	22	
5P9 West Kent	3	89	8	78	14	8	1,889	1,453	77	28	
5P6 West Sussex	36	58	6	70	19	10	2,041	1,423	70	21	
SOUTH CENTRAL SHA	26	68	7	75	15	10	11,149	8,281	74	23	
5QG Berkshire East	3	86	11	74	13	13	1,281	937	73	27	
5QF Berkshire West	2	90	8	82	10	8	1,208	987	82	32	
5QD Buckinghamshire	3	88	9	73	15	12	1,274	911	72	23	
5QC Hampshire	26	69	5	77	14	9	3,039	2,332	77	20	
5QT Isle of Wight NHS	89	..	..	70	19	10	221	156	71	12
5CQ Milton Keynes	2	92	6	72	18	10	959	691	72	21	
5QE Oxfordshire	29	64	7	76	14	10	1,349	1,023	76	22	
5FE Portsmouth City Teaching	91	72	18	10	841	605	72	24	
5L1 Southampton City	68	28	4	67	22	11	977	639	65	18	

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SOUTH WEST SHA	53	40	7	70	19	10	12,853	8,887	69	20	
5FL Bath & North East Somerset	63	26	11	67	24	10	401	257	64	19	
5QN Bournemouth & Poole Teaching	44	54	2	77	14	9	1,081	824	76	22	
5QJ Bristol	51	39	11	74	15	11	1,438	1,041	72	24	
5QP Cornwall & Isles of Scilly	62	32	6	66	27	8	1,068	688	64	13	
5QQ Devon	67	26	7	72	21	8	1,463	1,035	71	18	
5QM Dorset	43	54	4	69	19	12	833	564	68	19	
5QH Gloucestershire	86	5	8	66	21	14	1,374	874	64	18	
5M8 North Somerset	49	38	13	71	19	11	414	276	67	19	
5F1 Plymouth Teaching	92	5	3	69	22	9	803	545	68	21	
5QL Somerset	66	27	7	61	25	14	1,146	684	60	19	
5A3 South Gloucestershire	47	40	14	74	16	11	620	437	70	24	
5K3 Swindon	..	94	..	80	13	8	664	527	79	22	
TAL Torbay	..	96	..	74	14	12	468	344	74	21	
5QK Wiltshire	13	81	6	74	16	10	1,080	791	73	18	
WALES	63	29	8	68	22	10	8,328	5,524	66	20	
6B1 Angelsey	..	93	..	74	16	10	160	116	73	17	
6C2 Blaenau Gwent	65	28	6	72	..	..	176	126	72	16
6B3 Bridgend	92	..	..	69	22	9	391	265	68	18
6B2 Caerphilly	65	29	6	71	21	7	504	356	71	20	
6A8 Cardiff	78	4	17	56	32	12	1,037	511	49	18	
6B7 Carmarthen	90	..	..	66	23	11	412	266	65	19
6A4 Ceredigion	94	..	..	82	..	..	134	110	82	18
6A7 Conwy	..	96	..	69	22	9	304	210	69	21	
6C1 Denbighshire	..	95	..	65	22	14	263	168	64	20	
6B5 Flintshire	9	86	4	71	17	12	405	284	70	18	
6A2 Gwynedd	4	88	8	70	19	11	315	216	69	15	
6B8 Merthyr Tydfil	86	8	7	66	25	8	169	112	66	25	
6A1 Monmouth	57	32	11	69	21	10	163	107	66	21	
6A5 Neath & Port Talbot	93	3	5	72	19	9	378	268	71	19	
6B9 Newport	57	34	9	77	15	8	452	344	76	16	
6A3 Pembroke	80	10	10	76	17	7	305	230	75	24	
6C4 Powys	76	16	8	70	24	7	277	189	68	16	
6A9 Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	84	8	8	67	25	8	755	494	65	23	
6A6 Swansea	91	2	6	67	22	11	702	462	66	22	
6B6 The Vale of Glamorgan	81	..	..	62	27	10	294	169	57	21
6C3 Torfaen	69	26	5	76	18	5	266	203	76	23	
6B4 Wrexham	3	95	3	69	20	12	466	318	68	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, 2008

	total	percentages
All non-residents	6,862	100%
Country of residence ¹		
United Kingdom		
Northern Ireland	1,173	17.1
Scotland	297	4.3
Isle of Man	135	2.0
Jersey	7	0.1
Guernsey	10	0.1
European countries		
Irish Republic	4,600	67.0
Belgium	7	0.1
Cyprus	7	0.1
Denmark	9	0.1
France	60	0.9
Germany	16	0.2
Gibraltar	7	0.1
Ionian Islands	6	0.1
Italy	150	2.2
Malta	38	0.6
Norway	6	0.1
Poland	30	0.4
Portugal	6	0.1
Spain	29	0.4
Sweden	5	0.1
Switzerland	10	0.1
Other	15	0.2
Rest of the world		
Australia	5	0.1
Brazil	5	0.1
Egypt	5	0.1
Kuwait	7	0.1
Nigeria	6	0.1
Qatar	9	0.1
Saudia Arabia	5	0.1
UAE	140	2.0
USA	13	0.2
Other	44	0.6

¹ 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, 2008

		total	percentages
All non-residents		6,862	100%
(i) Age	Under 16	72	1
	16 - 17	274	4
	18 - 19	530	8
	20 - 24	1,875	27
	25 - 29	1,730	25
	30 - 34	1,221	18
	35 - 39	787	11
	40 and over	373	5
(ii) Statutory grounds	C (alone)	6,715	98
	Other	147	2
(iii) Gestation weeks	3 - 9	4,402	64
	10 - 12	1,223	18
	13 - 19	903	13
	20 and over	334	5

Note: percentages are rounded and may not add to 100

Table 12c Legal abortions, country of residence by age and gestation, 2008

		Scotland	Northern Ireland	Irish Republic
All ages	numbers	297	1,173	4,600
	Under 16	13	18	27
	16 - 17	26	68	140
	18 - 19	31	110	344
	20 - 24	80	338	1,296
	25 - 29	58	262	1,232
	30 - 34	49	181	841
	35 - 39	} 40	139	499
	40 & over		57	221
Gestation weeks	%	(100%)	(100%)	(100%)
	3 - 9	48	67	67
	10 - 12	10	19	19
	13 - 19	10	12	12
	20 & over	31	2	2

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

Table 13 Legal abortions: ethnic group for women aged under 25 by Strategic Health Authority and Wales, 2006 - 2008

England and Wales, residents

percentages

Strategic Health Authority	Ethnic Group				
	Asian	Black	Chinese & Other	Mixed	White
England and Wales	6	10	2	4	79
East Midlands	6	4	2	3	85
East of England	3	5	1	2	89
London	12	28	5	7	48
North East	1	1	1	0	96
North West	4	3	1	2	90
South Central	5	6	2	7	81
South East Coast	3	3	2	5	86
South West	1	2	1	2	94
West Midlands	8	8	1	3	80
Yorkshire and Humber	5	3	2	3	87
Wales	1	1	1	1	97

Note: Percentages exclude ethnic group not known and not stated.

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.