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The Royal Cornwall Hospitals NHS Trust Response to Information request

Date Request Received: 18th September 2025 FOI Ref 30372

Requested Information:

. I would like to obtain the following information:

1. The number of surgical removals for a miscarriage under 20 weeks, known as Dilation and Evacuation, which took place in your trust in the **past five years**.
2. The number of these surgeries which were sent for genetic testing.

Response:

1. Figures below for the past 5 years, pregnancy under 20 weeks: from inpatient data only:

363 evacuations of retained products, 84 of which were coded as medical terminations vs 279 coded as missed or spontaneous miscarriages.

1496 vacuum aspirations, 1355 of which were coded as medical terminations vs 141 coded as missed or spontaneous miscarriages

2. The number of these surgeries which were sent for genetic testing:

We cannot differentiate between those pregnancies that went for cytogenetic testing from those undergoing procedures or those spontaneously miscarrying. These are the number of pregnancies sent in total:

2021 - 30

2022 - 32

2023 - 33

2024 - 46

2025 (to date) 42

Attachment(s):

No Attachment(s)

Date Response sent: 03 October 2025