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Introduction

Abortion statistics 1996 deals with statistics relating to legally induced abortions within England and Wales during 1996. Statistics for earlier years and separate statistics for Scotland are published as follows:

For England and Wales - in the *Registrar General's Statistical Review of England and Wales, Supplement on Abortion, 1968 to 1973* and *Abortion Statistics, Series AB* nos. 1 to 22 for the years 1974 to 1995.

For Scotland - annually in the *Scottish Health Statistics* (1996 abortions data in 1997 edition).

General

The Abortion Act 1967, which came into effect on 27 April 1968, permits termination of pregnancy by a registered practitioner subject to certain conditions. In its application to England and Wales, regulations made under the Act (The Abortion Regulations 1968, Statutory Instrument 1968 No. 390 as amended by 1969 No. 636, 1976 No. 15, 1980 No. 1724 and 1991 No. 499) require any such termination to be notified within seven days, in the form prescribed in Schedule 2 of the principal Regulation, to the Chief Medical Officer of the Department of Health or to the Chief Medical Officer of the Welsh Office according to where the termination takes place. Section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 made changes to the Abortion Act 1967. These changes came into effect on 1 April 1991 and the content of the notification of abortion form (Form HSA4) was amended to reflect the changed law. By arrangement, the Office for National Statistics undertakes the statistical processing and analyses of the notifications. This publication gives some statistics derived from them for England and Wales for 1996. Terminations of pregnancy to Scottish residents carried out in England and Wales, are included in this volume, and are also included and analysed in the Scottish publication. This volume does not include England and Wales residents who had a termination of pregnancy in Scotland - in 1996 there were 11. The following paragraphs set out the background to these statistics and the definitions used in compiling them.

Conditions of the Act and statutory grounds

A legally induced abortion must be:

- a) performed by a registered medical practitioner,
- b) performed, except in an emergency, in a National Health Service hospital or in a place for the time being approved for the purpose of the Act, and
- c) 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;
- B the termination is necessary to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman;
- C 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;
- D 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 child(ren) of the family of the pregnant woman;
- 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;

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

- F to save the life of the pregnant woman; or
- G to prevent grave permanent injury to the physical or mental health of the pregnant woman.

The Act provides that in relation to grounds C and D the certifying practitioner may take account of the pregnant woman's actual or reasonably foreseeable environment.

The changes made to the Abortion Act 1967 by Section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 came into effect on 1 April 1991 and were summarised in *Abortion statistics 1991*, Series AB no. 18. The changes included a time limit of 24 weeks for abortions under statutory grounds C and D. Statutory grounds A, B and E are without time limit.

Combinations of grounds may be recorded and the following groupings are used in this volume:

1. A (alone, or with B, C or D)
2. B (alone)
3. B (with C or D)
4. C (alone)
5. D (alone, or with C)
6. E (alone)
7. E (with A, B, C or D)
8. F or G.

Changes have been made this year to groups 1 and 7 above. Previously these were A (alone, or with any other) and E (with B, C, D) respectively.

Data included in the tables

The figures in the main tables are derived from the notifications received (during 1996 and up to the end of

August 1997) relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in 1996. The number of abortions performed in 1996 has been updated since the publication of the ONS monitors AB 97/4 and AB 97/5.

The table on number of legal abortions by principal medical condition by grounds which was omitted in the 1995 volume has been included in this volume and it shows figures for both 1995 and 1996. Therefore the remaining tables have been renumbered and **Annex 1** provides a comparison of 1995 and 1996 table numbers. A summary of the information included in the tables is given in **Appendix B**.

Age and marital status

The notification form asks for the woman's date of birth and the age tabulated is that of the last birthday before the operation. For all relevant tables, the age categories used are: under 15, 15, 16-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45 and over. **Table 19** presents single years data for the 16-19 age group by area of usual residence.

The categories of marital status distinguished on the form are (a) single, (b) married, (c) widowed, (d) divorced and (e) separated. To calculate rates (**Table 3b**) it is necessary to include separated with married because there are no population estimates for the 'separated' marital status category. Rates for *all ages* (**Tables 3b** and **15b**) are calculated on the basis of abortions performed at *all ages* (including those under 14 and over 49) in relation to the population of resident women who are aged 14 - 49. The populations used for the calculation of rates are given in **Appendix C**.

Area of usual residence

Tables 15a, 15b, 16, 17, 19, 20 and **21** are derived from the statement of the woman's usual address. As temporary residence may sometimes be stated in place of usual residence, the 'usual residence' figures may be misleading. **Tables 15a, 15b, 17** and **19** are by Regional offices and/or health authorities of usual residence. **Tables 16, 18** and **21** are by Regional office of termination, and **Table 21** includes 'Home HA' and 'Other HA' of termination. **Table 24a** is by country of usual residence.

Category of premises/purchaser

Except in an emergency, abortion operations may only be carried out in NHS hospitals, in certain approved Services' hospitals or in other premises specifically approved by the Secretary of State. At the end of 1996 there were 77 such approved places and 2 Services' hospitals. In the tables, Services' hospitals are included under NHS hospitals.

Since 1992, the presentation of information on category of premises has been changed to reflect changes in health

service provision and funding. Previously, abortions were split between NHS and non-NHS premises, with agency cases (operations carried out in the private sector on NHS patients) included as a sub-group of the non-NHS category. Currently, data are presented in terms of 'purchaser', with three discrete categories: NHS, NHS agency and non-NHS. **Tables 1, 2, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 16, 17, 18,** and **21** show numbers by purchaser.

Complications

The question under this heading relates only to the complications which occur after the procedure has taken place but before the abortion is notified. The form identifies the three main complications - sepsis, haemorrhage and uterine perforation, and provides for others to be specified. **Table 13** shows cases of sepsis, haemorrhage and uterine perforation, and 'other' complications by three gestation periods for residents of 1996 with rates per 1,000 abortions. The equivalent table for non-residents is **Table 24c**. An examination of these same categories, in relation to the method of termination and gestation period can be found in **Table 14** for residents only and **Table 24b** presents complications by age for non-residents.

Derivation of data

Details of the form of questions on the notification form, which are used to derive the figures shown in this volume, are given in **Appendix A**.

Duration of stay

Duration of stay in hospital or approved place is tabulated as the number of nights between date of admission and date of discharge (the latter actual or expected). An interval of 0 nights means admission and discharge on the same day. Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay. Totals of planned day cases (regardless of actual duration of stay) are included in **Table 2**. As notification forms should be completed and forwarded within seven days of the operation, the tabulated durations are limited at the upper end to seven days and over.

Gestation period

The notification form provides for a statement of the gestation period in weeks and seeks a direct statement of gestation and the basis on which it is derived. When no indication is given the case goes into the 'not stated' category.

Medical conditions

The notification form requires information about the medical condition found or reported and any diagnosis or suspected condition of the fetus. In 1995, medical condition(s) were classified, for the first time, by

International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (10th Revision, 1992). A breakdown of numbers of abortions by medical condition(s) was not published last year (data previously shown in **Table 23** of 1994 volume and **Table 27** of 1993 volume and earlier). This was because work to re-categorise conditions according to the 10th revision of ICD had not been completed. However, table 23 of this volume shows both 1995 and 1996 abortions by principal medical condition by grounds.

Table 22 summarises terminations associated with rubella by annual occurrence.

Non-residents

Non-residents (women whose usual residence was stated to be outside England and Wales) are shown separately in **Tables 24a, 24b, 24c** and included alongside residents of England and Wales in **Table 1**. Countries of usual residence where the number of terminations exceeds 10 are shown separately. **Table D.1**, presents residents and non-residents separately for terminations beyond 24 weeks gestation.

Operation

Six main operative methods (surgical or medical) are listed on the form with provision for specifying any other method. **Tables 2, 12, 17** and **24b** analyse single methods and certain combinations of methods. Each woman is counted once only.

On 1 July 1991 the UK Licensing Authority approved the use of the abortifacient drug Mifegyne (mifepristone, also known as RU486) to terminate pregnancy. In the 1991 volume, abortions carried out in this way were included within the procedure category 'prostaglandins with other agents'. Since 1992 such abortions are identified in a separate procedure category 'antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandins'.

Parity

The form requires the number of the woman's previous (a) live births, (b) stillbirths and (c) abortions (spontaneous miscarriages and legal terminations separately) to be stated. In all tables including parity in the analysis (**Tables 5, 10, 11, 17, 18** and **21**) this is defined as the number of previous live births and stillbirths together, in order to equate more exactly with statistics derived from the registration of births.

Table 17 also shows the number of women who have had a previous legal abortion under the Act by the woman's age and Regional office area of usual residence.

Regional office area of operation

Hospitals and approved places are classified to the Regional office area in which they are situated.

Sterilisation

Where no answer was provided to this question it was assumed that sterilisation was not performed unless inherent in the operation itself.

Further publications and additional information

In addition to the information contained in this volume, abortion statistics are published quarterly and annually as ONS Monitors (ONS Series AB). These are available for sale individually, by annual subscription or by standing order from:

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Reference

- 1 *Report on Confidential Enquiries into Maternal Deaths in the United Kingdom 1991-93*, HMSO (1996)

Commentary

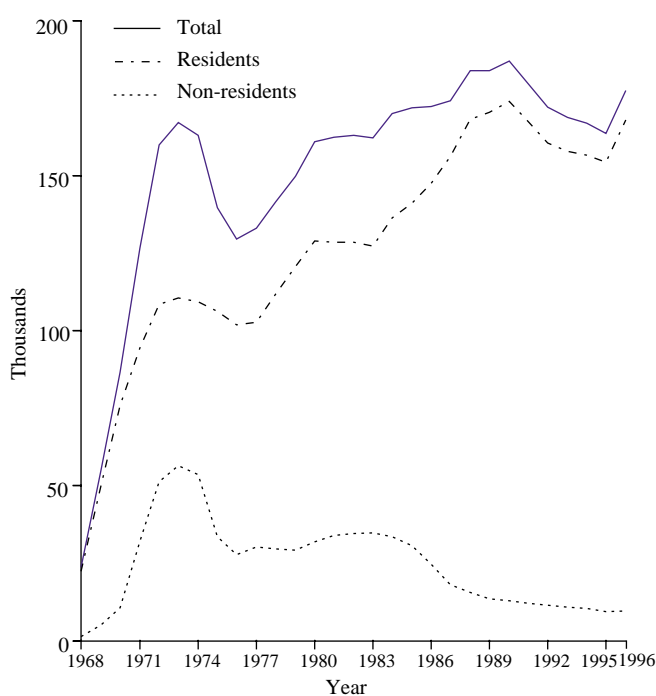
Summary

During 1996 a total of 177,495 abortions were notified as being performed in England and Wales, an increase of 13,857 (8 per cent) compared with 1995. This is first increase in the annual number of abortions since 1990. The number of abortions performed on resident women increased by 13,601 to 167,916 an increase of 9 per cent compared with 1995. This increase was shown in all the age groups except for those aged 45 and over. The increase was highest in the under 15 (16 per cent) and 16-19 (15 per cent) age groups. Between 1995 and 1996 the overall abortion rate per thousand women aged 14-49 increased by 9 per cent, from 11.99 to 13.03.

On 18 October 1995, the Committee on Safety of Medicines (CSM) issued a warning that there was evidence that seven brands of the contraceptive pill (containing gestodene or desogestrel) carried an increased risk of thrombosis (the formation of a blood clot in a vein) compared with second generation pills. This warning received much attention from the media and there is evidence that reaction to publicity arising from the announcement contributed to an increase in the number of conceptions and consequently an increase in the number of abortions in 1996¹.

Abortions to non-resident women increased by 256 to 9,579 in 1996, an increase of 3 per cent compared with 1995, and a decrease of 29 per cent compared with 1989.

Figure 1 Number of abortions, England and Wales, 1968-96



Numbers and rates

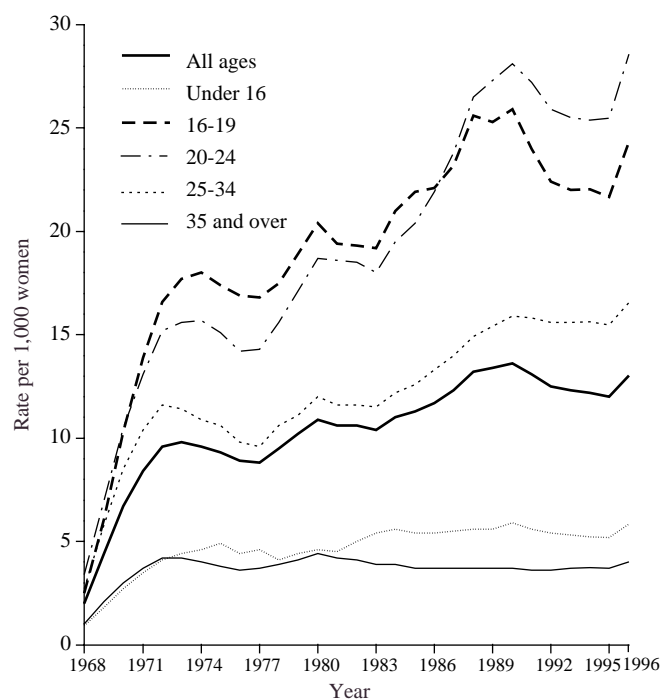
Between the introduction of the Abortion Act in April 1968 and the end of 1996 there were about 4.4 million reported abortions notified as being performed in England and Wales, of which 84 per cent were performed on resident women.

Figure 1 shows the total number of legal abortions, for residents and non-residents of England and Wales, in the period 1968-1996. From the introduction of the Abortion Act 1967 in April 1968 the annual number of abortions in England and Wales rose rapidly to 167 thousand in 1973. Numbers then fell back to 130 thousand in 1976. From 1976, the underlying upward trend in the number of abortions performed resumed, reaching 161 thousand in 1980 and then rose less rapidly to reach 187 thousand in 1990. Between 1991 and 1995 there was a fall each year in the number of abortions. But in 1996 there was a change in this trend as there was a rise in the number of abortions for both residents and non-residents of England and Wales.

The number performed on residents rose from 154 thousand in 1995 to 168 thousand in 1996 (a rise of 9 per cent). In comparison the number of abortions performed on non-residents rose from 9,323 in 1995 to 9,579 in 1996 (a rise of only 3 per cent).

These changes were reflected in the abortion rate per thousand women aged 14-49, found in **Figure 2**. This suggests that changes in the annual number of abortions are not explained simply by changes in the overall size of the population of resident women in the reproductive age range.

Figure 2 Age-specific abortion rates, residents of England and Wales, 1968-96



Statistics for women resident in England and Wales

Age of women

Table A shows abortion rates for women resident in England and Wales by age. Between 1971 and 1990 the all-age abortion rate increased from 8.4 to 13.6 abortions per 1,000 women aged 14-49, then fell in the following 5 years reaching 12.0 in 1995 and then increased to 13.0 in 1996.

A comparison of the 1990 and 1996 abortion rates shows a decrease in the rate among women aged 15-19 (a fall of 8 per cent) and for those aged 45 and over (a fall of 15 per cent). Between 1995 and 1996 there was an increase in the rates amongst all the age-groups except for women aged 45 and over where it decreased by 8 per cent.

Since the rate of abortion varies with age, a change in the age distribution in the population of women aged 14-49 can affect the number of abortions and the all age abortion rate in a given year, without any change in the rates specific to each five year age-group within the 14-49 age range. This effect needs to be taken into account when interpreting the annual number of abortions performed. For example, if the age-specific abortion rates observed in 1971 had persisted in 1996, the number of abortions would have risen by 9 per cent (8.5 thousand) simply as a result of changes in the age structure of the female population.

Marital status

Table B shows the proportion of abortions to women resident in England and Wales according to their marital status. In 1971, 47 per cent of all abortions were to single women compared to 68 per cent in 1996. Married women comprised 44 per cent of

all abortions in 1971 and 20 per cent in 1996. These changes are partly explained by the changes in the marital status distribution of the resident population for England and Wales (see **Tables 3a and 3b and Appendix C**). In 1995, 42 per cent of resident women aged 16-44 were single, compared with 41 per cent in 1994 and 27 per cent in 1971. The proportion of women aged 16-44 who were married had decreased from 71 per cent in 1971, to 51 per cent in 1994, and further decreased to 49 per cent in 1995. Abortions to women who were either separated or divorced comprised between 7 per cent and 11 per cent of the total number of abortions throughout the 26 year period, while less than 1 per cent of abortions were to widows.

Period of gestation

Table C shows the percentage distribution of abortions on women resident in England and Wales by gestational age at abortion. Between 1992 and 1996, 89 per cent of abortions were performed at less than 13 weeks gestation, compared with 75 per cent in 1971; the proportion has risen steadily since 1971. Between 1971 and 1996 the proportion of abortions performed under 9 weeks gestation more than doubled, whereas the proportion performed between 13 and 19 weeks more than halved. For each year 1 per cent of abortions were performed at 20 or more weeks gestation.

Post 24 week abortions

Changes made to the Abortion Act 1967 by Section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 came into effect on 1 April 1990. They included a time limit of 24 weeks gestation for abortions under statutory grounds C and D, abortion under grounds A, B and E being without time limit. Abortions carried out beyond 24 weeks gestation are monitored by the Department of Health.

Table A Abortions to residents 1971-96

	England and Wales Rates per 1,000 women								
	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996
All ages	8.4	8.9	10.6	11.7	13.1	12.3	12.2	12.0	13.0
Under 15	1.9	2.3	2.1	2.6	3.2	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.6
15	5.1	6.7	6.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	7.1	7.3	8.1
16-19	13.9	16.9	19.4	22.1	24.0	22.0	22.0	21.7	24.3
20-24	13.1	14.2	18.6	21.9	27.2	25.5	25.4	25.5	28.6
25-29	10.7	10.4	13.1	15.5	18.6	18.4	18.6	18.6	19.9
30-34	10.0	9.2	10.1	10.9	12.7	12.6	12.6	12.4	13.4
35-39	8.0	7.3	8.1	7.0	7.8	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.6
40-44	3.3	3.3	3.5	2.9	2.7	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0
45 and over	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2

Note: Rates for all ages, under 15 and 45 and over are based on the female population aged 14-49, 14 and 45-49 years respectively.

Table B Percentage distribution of abortions by woman's marital status 1971-96

	England and Wales Residents								
Marital status	1971	1976	1981	1986	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Single	46.8	49.9	54.5	63.0	65.8	65.8	65.5	66.3	67.9
Married	43.9	39.6	33.0	25.9	22.7	22.4	22.1	21.4	20.4
Divorced/Separated	8.3	9.5	10.7	9.7	9.1	9.2	8.5	8.0	6.7
Widowed	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Not stated	0.1	0.4	1.3	1.0	2.1	2.3	3.6	4.0	4.6
Total=100%	94,570	101,912	28,581	147,619	160,501	157,846	156,539	154,315	167,916

Table C Percentage distribution of abortions by gestation period 1971-96

**England and Wales
Residents**

Gestation weeks	1971	1976	1981	1986	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 9	16.6	24.8	31.0	33.4	36.8	39.2	40.5	41.9	40.0
9-12	57.9	55.8	53.4	53.8	51.8	49.7	48.4	47.3	48.7
13-14	13.2	9.1	7.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.0
15-16	5.5	3.7	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9
17-19	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2
20 and over	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Not stated	2.8	3.5	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total=100%	94,570	101,912	128,581	147,619	160,501	157,846	156,539	154,315	167,916

In 1996, a total of 107 abortions were carried out beyond 24 weeks in England and Wales. (The figure for 1994 and 1995 were 94 and 74). **Table D.1** gives the distribution of these abortions among residents and non-residents, by gestation.

Table D.1 Abortions performed beyond 24 weeks gestation 1996 **England and Wales
Residents and Non-residents**

Gestation weeks	Number of abortions		
	Total	Residents	Non-residents
25	31	30	1
26	21	21	0
27	9	8	1
28	11	9	2
29	7	7	0
30	8	8	0
31	5	2	3
32	5	4	1
33	2	2	0
34	2	2	0
35	2	1	1
36	2	2	0
37	2	1	1
Total numbers	107	97	10

Three of these abortions were carried out under ground A - that the continuation of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant women greater than if the pregnancy were terminated. The remainder were carried out under ground E - that 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. The medical conditions which were cited in these cases are given in **Table D.2**, together with their codes according to ICD 10 (International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems). This new tabulation, which was introduced in last year's publication *Abortion Statistics, 1995*, gives fuller detail than had been made available hitherto. The largest categories cited under ground E comprise malformations of the brain (41%) and chromosomal disorders (19%). This is similar to the pattern of previous years.

Table D.2 ICD 10 classification of conditions cited under grounds A and E

Medical condition	ICD 10	Number
Ground A		
severe pre eclampsia	014.1	3
Ground E		
Congenital malformations of the nervous system		
anencephaly	Q000	1
encephalocele	Q01	3
microcephaly	Q02	3
congenital hydrocephalus	Q03	20
other malformations of the brain	Q04	8
spina bifida	Q05	8
other malformations	Q06-Q07	0
the eye, ear, face and neck	Q10-Q18	0
the cardiovascular system	Q20-Q28	6
the respiratory system	Q30-Q34	1
the lip and palate	Q35-Q37	0
the digestive system	Q38-Q45	0
the genital organs	Q50-Q56	0
the urinary system	Q60-Q64	6
the musculoskeletal system	Q65-Q79	9
Other congenital malformations	Q80-Q85	
congenital malformations due to exogenous causes	Q86	0
other specified malformation syndromes	Q87	5
other congenital malformations	Q89	4
Chromosomal abnormalities		
Down's Syndrome	Q90	8
Edward's Syndrome	Q91.3	4
Patau's Syndrome	Q91.7	3
Not elsewhere classified	Q92-Q99	5
Genetic [heritable] disorders		
Tay-Sachs disease	E75.0	1
Fetus at risk, family history of heritable disorder	Z80-Z84	0
Fetus at risk, exposure to communicable disease	Z20-Z22	0
Fetus affected by maternal factors	P00-P04	0
Fetal (sic) disorders related to gestation and growth	P05-P08	5
Fetus affected by congenital infectious disease	P35-P37	1
Haemorrhagic and haematological disorders of the fetus	P50-P56	1
Hydrops fetalis not due to haemolytic disease	P83.2	1
Twin - twin transfusion syndrome	O43.0	1
Total		107

Table E Percentage distribution of abortions by procedure, 1984-1996**England and Wales
Residents**

Procedure	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hysterotomy (only)	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hysterectomy (only)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacuum aspiration (only)	76.6	76.3	76.9	75.9	74.4	75.3	74.8	79.4	83.4	84.8	83.7	83.8	84.1
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	13.6	14.5	14.5	15.5	16.8	16.6	17.4	13.2	8.4	6.1	6.8	6.2	6.0
D and E	1.8	1.5	1.6	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.3
Other surgical	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prostaglandins (only)	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.1
Prostaglandins with other agents	3.6	3.6	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.5	3.6	5.0	5.8
Other medical	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other combined methods	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total abortions	136,388	141,101	147,619	156,191	168,298	170,463	173,900	167,376	160,501	157,846	156,539	154,315	167,916

Procedures for abortion

Table E shows the trend in the procedure used for abortion, for the period 1984 to 1996. Since 1984, between 90 and 92 per cent of abortions have been performed using vacuum aspiration (with or without Dilatation and Evacuation). The use of prostaglandins (alone or with other agents) has continued to fall.

The procedure used to perform a termination varies at different gestations. In 1996, 94 per cent of abortions performed on residents before 13 weeks of gestation were carried out using vacuum aspiration (with or without D and E). Among abortions performed at 13-19 weeks gestation, 67 per cent were carried out using vacuum aspiration (with or without D and E) and 10 per cent involved the use of prostaglandins (alone or with other agents). For abortions performed beyond 19 weeks gestation, 33 per cent involved the use of prostaglandins (alone or with other agents) and 35 per cent involved the use of vacuum aspiration (with or without D and E).

On 1 July 1991 the UK Licensing Authority approved the use of the abortifacient drug Mifegyne (mifepristone, also known as RU486) to terminate pregnancy^{2,3}. This drug was initially licensed for use within the first nine weeks of gestation. Since mid-1995, the licence has been extended to cover termination of pregnancy between 13 and 20 weeks of gestation⁴. It is not licensed, however, for use in the termination of pregnancies between 10 and 12 weeks of pregnancy. In the period between 10-12 weeks the management protocol for medical abortion has not been researched properly and is therefore not well defined⁴. As with all other abortion procedures, prescription of mifepristone is limited by the provision of the Abortion Act 1967. Under the usual procedure for use of all new drugs, the safety of mifepristone is being intensively monitored by the Medicines Control Agency and the Committee on Safety of Medicines.

In the 1991 volume, abortions carried out using the antiprogesterone drug Mifepristone were included in the procedure category 'prostaglandins with other agents'. Since 1992, such abortions have been identified in their own separate category 'antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin'. **Table E** shows that there has been a continued rise in the use of Mifepristone to terminate pregnancies. In

1996, the number of abortions using this procedure was 9,715; a 27 per cent rise compared with 1995. The proportion of pregnancies terminated by this medical procedure, however, remains relatively small accounting for 5.8 per cent of all terminations performed in 1996.

Selective termination

Section 37 of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Act 1990 amended the Abortion Act 1967 to make it clear that selective termination of pregnancy (termination of one or more, but not all, fetuses in a multiple pregnancy) may be performed if the requirements of the 1967 Act are fulfilled, but not otherwise. Notification of such abortions has been required since 1 April 1991. There were 59 selective terminations in 1996 (0.04 per cent of all terminations performed) compared with 56 in 1995. In 1996, 37 per cent of selective terminations were performed where the number of original fetuses was reduced by one, 59 per cent were performed where the number was reduced by two and 3 per cent where the number was reduced by three. Of the 59 selective terminations, 29 terminations (49 per cent) were performed under ground C, one case under ground B and the remainder were performed under ground E. Within ground E, there were 7 cases of nervous system anomalies (24 per cent) and 6 cases (21 per cent) of Down's syndrome.

Complications

There were 534 reported complications of legal terminations. In 17 cases there were 2 reported complications and in one case there were 3 reported complications. Of the 226 reported mentions of haemorrhage, 97 per cent were vaginal in origin; of the 131 mentions of uterine perforation, 76 per cent were uterine in origin; and there were 57 mentions of sepsis. The remainder comprised a miscellaneous group of other complications.

Statistics for women not resident in England and Wales

In the years immediately following the implementation of the Abortion Act 1967, very few abortions were performed on women who were not residents of England and Wales. In 1968, 6 per cent of abortions were performed on non-

Table F Total number of abortions to resident and non-resident women, and numbers of abortions to non-residents by country of residence, 1971-96

England and Wales

	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996
Total abortions	126,777	129,673	162,480	172,286	179,522	168,714	166,876	163,638	177,495
Total non-residents	32,207	27,761	33,899	24,667	12,146	10,868	10,337	9,323	9,579
Non-residents as a percentage of total abortions	25.4	21.4	20.9	14.3	6.8	6.4	6.2	5.7	5.4
British Isles	1,965	4,249	6,497	6,959	7,294	7,012	7,123	6,768	7,246
Scotland	524	950	998	751	712	441	363	291	329
Northern Ireland	648	1,142	1,441	1,724	1,775	1,629	1,678	1,548	1,573
Irish Republic	578	1,821	3,603	3,918	4,154	4,402	4,590	4,532	4,894
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	215	336	455	566	653	540	492	397	450
Other European	N/A	22,796	26,260	16,483	4,165	3,060	2,467	2,054	1,926
of which:									
Austria	N/A	91	58	59	31	29	33	27	28
Belgium and Luxembourg	2,111	390	153	47	45	23	31	32	37
France	11,986	4,568	4,100	3,369	2,486	1,706	1,390	1,113	1,073
Italy	N/A	8,211	642	664	658	648	598	517	427
Spain	N/A	6,397	20,454	11,935	604	317	127	86	66
Switzerland	389	308	153	64	58	41	29	26	38
Germany*	13,560	2,384	514	142	109	99	75	62	56
Rest of World	N/A	716	1,142	1,225	687	796	747	501	407
of which:									
South Africa	N/A	N/A	511	517	265	377	285	120	50
United States of America	187	105	90	87	49	42	52	29	22

N/A not available.

* For the period 1971-90, figures for East Germany, West Germany and Germany (not otherwise stated) have been combined to produce totals for unified Germany.

residents. By 1971, however, this had increased to 25 per cent, and by 1973 it had peaked at 33 per cent with 57 thousand abortions performed on non-residents who mainly came from countries geographically close to England and Wales. Of these, 35 thousand were performed on women from France. Following changes in abortion legislation in various overseas countries, the proportion of all abortions performed in England and Wales to non-residents has fallen sharply since 1974. Between 1976 and 1983 the number of abortions performed on non-residents remained at a level of between 20 and 22 per cent. Since 1984 even fewer abortions have been performed on women resident outside England and Wales (see **Figure 1**). In 1996 only 9,579 (5 per cent of all terminations) were performed on non-resident women. More detailed figures for the period 1971-1996 are given in **Table F**.

Residents of the British Isles

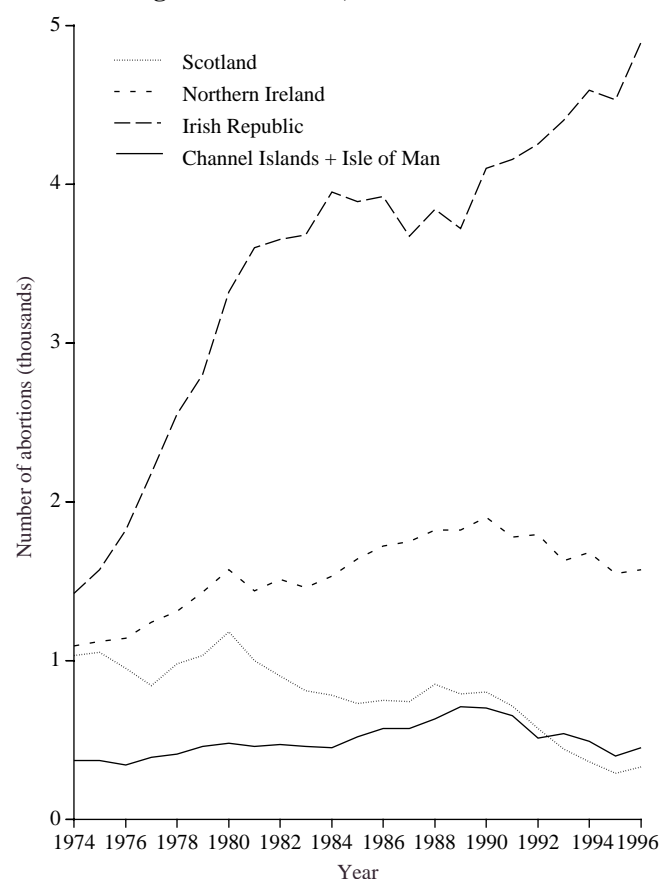
The Abortion Act 1967 applies to Scotland as well as England and Wales. From a peak in 1980, the number of abortions performed in England and Wales on women usually resident in Scotland has fallen by 72 per cent (329 in 1996) (see **Figure 3**).

The Abortion Act does not apply to Northern Ireland, where less than a hundred legal abortions are performed each year on medical grounds in health service hospitals under case law, as was the legal situation in England and Wales before the 1967 Act. **Table F** and **Figure 3** show that between 1990 and 1996 around 1,600 women giving usual addresses in Northern Ireland travelled each year to England and Wales to seek a termination.

Abortions remain illegal in the Irish Republic under the terms of the 1861 Offences Against the Person Act. A referendum held in 1983 resulted in abortion being outlawed under the constitution of the Irish Republic⁵. The number of

abortions performed in England and Wales on women usually resident in the Irish Republic rose from 578 in 1971 to 3,603 in 1981, a more than six-fold increase in this ten year period. Since 1981, the number of such abortions increased less rapidly, reaching 4,894 in 1996.

Figure 3 Abortions to non-resident women from elsewhere in the British Isles, England and Wales, 1974-96



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Table 1 Legal abortions - numbers and rates per 1,000 women:
(i) quarter, (ii) resident status, purchaser,
(iii) rates per 1,000 women aged 14-49 (residents) by year, 1968 to 1996

England and Wales

Residents and non-residents

Year	Total occurrences	Quarter ending*				Residents				Non-residents			Rate per 1,000 women 14-49** (residents)
		31 March	30 June	30 Sept	31 Dec	Total	NHS	NHS	Non-agency	Total NHS	NHS	Non-NHS	
1968 [≠]	23,641	..	4,411	7,938	9,907	22,332	14,492	..	7,840	1,309	68	1,241	1.97
1969	54,819	11,342	13,116	13,871	15,828	49,829	33,562	..	16,267	4,990	166	4,824	4.38
1970	86,565	17,742	21,082	22,253	22,774	75,962	47,370	..	28,592	10,603	308	10,295	6.72
1971	126,777	22,808	31,202	34,449	38,315	94,570	53,455	..	41,115	32,207	251	31,956	8.37
1972	159,884	37,166	39,190	39,972	40,386	108,565	56,861	..	51,704	51,319	225	51,094	9.61
1973	167,149	43,457	40,930	41,029	43,946	110,568	55,456	..	55,112	56,581	181	56,400	9.75
1974	162,940	44,211	40,674	40,503	37,729	109,445	56,076	..	53,369	53,495	244	53,251	9.63
1975	139,702	39,894	35,092	34,178	31,357	106,224	50,941	..	55,283	33,478	206	33,272	9.30
1976	129,673	31,947	32,121	32,601	31,235	101,912	50,569	..	51,343	27,761	205	27,556	8.86
1977	133,004	35,329	33,240	31,408	33,022	102,677	52,530	..	50,147	30,327	202	30,125	8.84
1978	141,558	34,340	36,296	34,813	36,895	111,851	55,040	..	56,811	29,707	207	29,500	9.53
1979	149,746	36,898	36,445	38,436	35,672	120,611	55,558	..	65,053	29,135	209	28,926	10.17
1980	160,903	42,902	39,722	39,332	41,170	128,927	60,594	..	68,333	31,976	224	31,752	10.76
1981	162,480	42,265	40,224	40,549	39,442	128,581	61,103	2,343	65,135	33,899	173	33,726	10.63
1982	163,045	43,213	40,888	40,221	38,723	128,553	62,409	4,425	61,719	34,492	123	34,369	10.56
1983	162,161	43,341	40,280	40,057	38,483	127,375	62,609	4,614	60,152	34,786	208	34,578	10.36
1984	169,993	44,310	42,092	42,595	40,996	136,388	64,823	4,912	66,653	33,605	103	33,502	11.00
1985	171,873	44,192	42,516	43,499	41,666	141,101	65,176	5,929	69,996	30,772	78	30,694	11.26
1986	172,286	43,661	43,846	43,024	41,755	147,619	67,451	6,819	73,349	24,667	78	24,589	11.69
1987	174,276	43,866	42,767	44,229	43,414	156,191	69,442	8,041	78,708	18,085	63	18,022	12.30
1988	183,798	49,713	44,482	45,024	44,579	168,298	69,103	9,357	89,838	15,500	74	15,426	13.22
1989	183,974	46,459	46,825	46,220	44,470	170,463	70,722	9,200	90,541	13,511	64	13,447	13.36
1990	186,912	49,046	46,291	46,669	44,906	173,900	73,517	9,582	90,801	13,012	65	12,947	13.61
1991	179,522	48,655	44,559	44,152	42,156	167,376	75,172	9,197	83,007	12,146	73	12,073	13.06
1992	172,069	45,931	42,513	42,446	41,179	160,501	79,543	11,982	68,976	11,568	97	11,471	12.51
1993	168,714	44,948	40,870	42,186	40,710	157,846	84,071	14,835	58,940	10,868	117	10,751	12.30
1994	166,876	43,633	41,074	41,978	40,191	156,539	85,243	19,551	51,745	10,337	87	10,250	12.18
1995	163,638	42,878	39,971	41,336	39,453	154,315	84,478	24,363	45,474	9,323	101	9,222	11.99
1996	177,495	45,651	45,451	44,038	42,355	167,916	88,410	33,255	46,251	9,579	110	9,469	13.03

* Before 1981 the figures are based on notifications received. From 1981 onwards the figures are based on occurrences.

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

.. Not applicable.

** This rate is based on abortions at all ages in relation to the population of resident women aged 14-49.

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Table 2 Legal abortions - numbers: age by (i) purchaser, (ii) statutory grounds, (iii) gestation weeks, (iv) procedure, (v) planned day cases, 1996 **England and Wales**
Residents

	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All legal abortions	167,916	1,098	2,547	28,790	46,356	39,311	28,228	16,118	5,027	428	13
(i) Purchaser											
NHS	88,410	715	1,674	17,050	24,634	19,680	13,991	7,979	2,475	205	7
NHS agency	33,255	263	596	6,857	9,461	7,438	4,957	2,762	843	75	3
Non-NHS	46,251	120	277	4,883	12,261	12,193	9,280	5,377	1,709	148	3
(ii) Statutory grounds											
A (alone or with B,C or D)	128	1	1	11	12	32	44	23	4	-	-
B (alone)	2,350	12	34	432	612	529	390	245	84	12	-
B (with C or D)	93	1	1	10	21	32	12	15	1	-	-
C (alone)	151,550	1,084	2,505	27,794	43,323	34,883	24,051	13,375	4,183	342	10
D (alone, or with C)	11,863	-	2	462	2,101	3,319	3,190	2,096	630	60	3
E (alone)	1,775	-	3	77	263	476	499	327	118	12	-
E (with A,B,C or D)	154	-	1	4	23	40	42	35	7	2	-
F or G	3	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-
(iii) Gestation weeks											
Under 9	67,091	348	748	9,086	17,759	16,731	12,568	7,273	2,351	220	7
9 - 12	81,728	506	1,330	15,273	23,110	18,698	13,006	7,397	2,232	170	6
13 - 19	16,904	199	397	3,944	4,907	3,435	2,329	1,264	399	30	-
20 and over	2,192	45	72	487	580	447	325	183	45	8	-
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
(iv) Procedure											
Hysterotomy (only)	28	-	-	5	5	4	8	4	1	1	-
Hysterectomy (only)	14	-	-	-	1	3	2	4	4	-	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)	141,148	835	2,018	23,507	38,813	33,409	24,042	13,810	4,339	362	13
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	10,109	73	166	1,945	2,927	2,314	1,536	868	259	21	-
D and E	3,903	59	91	837	1,126	785	550	332	112	11	-
Other surgical	9	-	-	1	5	1	1	1	-	-	-
Prostaglandins (only)	1,843	26	51	337	440	423	303	200	57	6	-
Prostaglandins with other agents	876	23	32	252	239	134	118	56	21	1	-
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	9,715	77	185	1,865	2,755	2,175	1,600	815	224	19	-
Other medical	189	1	2	28	24	40	55	26	6	7	-
Combined methods	82	4	2	13	21	23	13	2	4	-	-
(v) Intended management											
Planned day cases	135,839	804	1,963	23,021	37,357	32,125	22,897	13,161	4,143	356	12
Not planned day cases	32,077	294	584	5,769	8,999	7,186	5,331	2,957	884	72	1

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Marital status	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	167,916	1,098	2,547	28,790	46,356	39,311	28,228	16,118	5,027	428	13
Single	114,086	1,098	2,547	27,483	39,933	25,742	12,027	4,207	956	84	9
Married	34,262	-	-	328	3,417	8,555	10,785	8,116	2,816	241	4
Separated	5,606	-	-	75	714	1,698	1,749	1,038	308	24	-
Divorced	5,702	-	-	15	256	1,199	1,935	1,659	586	52	-
Widowed	511	-	-	3	26	96	148	150	82	6	-
Not stated	7,749	-	-	886	2,010	2,021	1,584	948	279	21	-

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Marital status	All ages (14-49)	15-44 [≠]	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Total*	(i) 13.03	15.49	3.55	8.08	24.34	28.58	19.91	13.42	8.63	3.00	0.23
Total*	(ii) 13.05	15.51	3.49	8.03	24.99	27.21	19.64	13.61	8.90	3.01	0.23
Single	22.35	24.08	3.49	8.03	24.13	28.44	27.50	23.20	17.73	6.99	0.82
Ever married	5.93	7.57	-	-	32.88	14.73	10.83	9.39	6.97	2.47	0.19
Married/Separated	6.08	7.70	-	-	161.29	14.80	10.30	8.87	6.56	2.29	0.20
Divorced	5.06	6.56	-	-	-	22.02	12.35	10.08	7.13	2.95	0.21
Widowed	6.66	13.89	-	-	65.22	58.82	44.06	29.02	15.15	4.39	0.15

* The rates (per 1,000 women) for the under 15 age group are based on the population of women aged 14. The rates for the 45 and over age group are based on the population of women aged 45-49. Since 1996 population estimates by marital status are not yet available, the denominator is the mid 1995 provisional population estimates using information from the 1991 Census. However, for the "Total" lines, rates are shown based on i) 1996 population figures and (ii) 1995 population figures.

[≠]The rate for women aged 15-44 is based on abortions to women aged 15-44 in relation to the population of resident women aged 15-44.

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Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total
All ages	167,916								
Under 15	1,098	20-24	46,356	30-34	28,228	40-44	5,027	50	7
9	1	20	9,043	30	6,661	40	1,746	51	6
10	-	21	9,407	31	6,018	41	1,304	52	2
11	-	22	9,404	32	5,797	42	929	53	2
12	7	23	9,224	33	5,072	43	677	54	5
13	173	24	9,278	34	4,680	44	371	55	1
14	917							56	1
		25-29	39,311	35-39	16,118	45 and over	428		
15	2,547	25	8,886	35	4,163	45	196	Not stated	13
		26	8,042	36	3,756	46	122		
16-19	28,790	27	7,912	37	3,303	47	56		
16	5,209	28	7,468	38	2,669	48	18		
17	6,994	29	7,003	39	2,227	49	12		
18	8,070								
19	8,517								

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**Table 5 Legal abortions - numbers:
previous live and still born children by age, 1996**

**England and Wales
Residents**

Age	Total	Previous live and still born children						
		0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated
All ages	167,916	90,206	29,142	29,447	12,619	4,244	2,009	249
Under 15	1,098	1,089	7	-	-	-	-	2
15	2,547	2,519	24	-	-	-	-	4
16-19	28,790	25,672	2,719	328	28	3	-	40
20-24	46,356	31,946	8,823	4,213	1,073	202	29	70
25-29	39,311	18,260	8,536	7,959	3,236	980	287	53
30-34	28,228	7,443	5,629	8,921	4,108	1,411	665	51
35-39	16,118	2,566	2,594	5,952	3,074	1,215	697	20
40-44	5,027	655	745	1,929	1,002	392	296	8
45 and over	428	51	61	144	98	41	32	1
Not stated	13	5	4	1	-	-	3	-

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Purchaser	Gestation weeks	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Total	Total	167,916	1,098	2,547	28,790	46,356	39,311	28,228	16,118	5,027	428	13
	Under 9	67,091	348	748	9,086	17,759	16,731	12,568	7,273	2,351	220	7
	9-12	81,728	506	1,330	15,273	23,110	18,698	13,006	7,397	2,232	170	6
	13-19	16,904	199	397	3,944	4,907	3,435	2,329	1,264	399	30	-
	20 and over	2,192	45	72	487	580	447	325	183	45	8	-
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
NHS	Total	88,410	715	1,674	17,050	24,634	19,680	13,991	7,979	2,475	205	7
	Under 9	26,439	245	474	4,843	7,362	5,862	4,336	2,458	779	78	2
	9-12	54,590	376	1,007	10,714	15,372	12,264	8,465	4,818	1,462	107	5
	13-19	6,605	91	185	1,426	1,762	1,349	980	590	208	14	-
	20 and over	776	3	8	67	138	205	210	113	26	6	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NHS agency	Total	33,255	263	596	6,857	9,461	7,438	4,957	2,762	843	75	3
	Under 9	12,485	66	173	2,035	3,335	3,045	2,141	1,232	413	43	2
	9-12	14,022	93	231	2,933	4,074	3,121	2,078	1,131	337	23	1
	13-19	6,008	76	144	1,662	1,823	1,159	687	362	87	8	-
	20 and over	740	28	48	227	229	113	51	37	6	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-NHS	Total	46,251	120	277	4,883	12,261	12,193	9,280	5,377	1,709	148	3
	Under 9	28,167	37	101	2,208	7,062	7,824	6,091	3,583	1,159	99	3
	9-12	13,116	37	92	1,626	3,664	3,313	2,463	1,448	433	40	-
	13-19	4,291	32	68	856	1,322	927	662	312	104	8	-
	20 and over	676	14	16	193	213	129	64	33	13	1	-
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

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Purchaser	Total	Duration of stay (nights)†										
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Not applicable≠	
Total												
Total	167,916	140,127	15,428	2,022	272	126	72	49	80	25	9,715	
Under 9	67,091	55,176	4,549	113	29	22	12	9	15	7	7,159	
9-12	81,728	76,488	4,009	298	57	39	28	17	24	8	760	
13-19	16,904	8,305	6,154	646	140	47	24	17	23	6	1,542	
20 and over	2,192	157	716	965	46	18	8	6	18	4	254	
Not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NHS												
Total	88,410	75,023	3,052	1,021	254	115	66	44	74	12	8,749	
Under 9	26,439	19,654	398	104	23	19	12	6	12	-	6,211	
9-12	54,590	52,110	1,286	290	54	36	26	16	22	6	744	
13-19	6,605	3,156	1,178	488	136	44	21	16	23	3	1,540	
20 and over	776	103	190	139	41	16	7	6	17	3	254	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NHS agency												
Total	33,255	28,064	4,536	415	7	5	6	2	1	7	212	
Under 9	12,485	11,626	642	4	1	1	-	-	1	3	207	
9-12	14,022	13,205	804	4	-	-	2	1	-	1	5	
13-19	6,008	3,198	2,752	45	3	3	3	1	-	3	-	
20 and over	740	35	338	362	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-NHS												
Total	46,251	37,040	7,840	586	11	6	-	3	5	6	754	
Under 9	28,167	23,896	3,509	5	5	2	-	3	2	4	741	
9-12	13,116	11,173	1,919	4	3	3	-	-	2	1	11	
13-19	4,291	1,951	2,224	113	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	
20 and over	676	19	188	464	2	1	-	-	1	1	-	
Not stated	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.

≠ These are abortions by antiprogestosterone, for which duration of stay is not applicable.

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Table 8 Legal abortions - numbers: gestation weeks by purchaser, 1996

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Gestation weeks	Total	Purchaser		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
Total	167,916	88,410	33,255	46,251
Under 9	67,091	26,439	12,485	28,167
9 - 12	81,728	54,590	14,022	13,116
13 - 14	8,344	3,927	2,585	1,832
15 - 16	4,948	1,558	1,996	1,394
17 - 18	2,772	841	1,117	814
19 - 20	1,531	578	517	436
21 - 22	1,019	294	393	332
23 - 24	397	98	140	159
25 and over	85	85	-	-
Not stated	1	-	-	1

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Table 9 Legal abortions - numbers: statutory grounds (mentions) by purchaser, 1996

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Statutory grounds (mentions)†	Total mentions	Purchaser		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
All grounds (mentions)	178,349	93,268	35,948	49,133
A	136	131	-	5
B	2,463	2,327	20	116
C	161,894	83,079	33,080	45,735
D	11,924	5,877	2,832	3,215
E	1,929	1,851	16	62
F	3	3	-	-
G	-	-	-	-

† These figures represent the number of times each of the statutory grounds is reported (mentioned) rather than the number of operations.

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Table 10 Legal abortions - numbers: purchaser by statutory grounds, and previous live and still born children, 1996

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Residents

Statutory grounds	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children							
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated
All grounds	Total	167,916	90,206	29,142	29,447	12,619	4,244	2,009	249
	NHS	88,410	44,242	16,318	16,603	7,247	2,546	1,263	191
	NHS agency	33,255	17,324	6,127	5,739	2,670	916	464	15
	Non-NHS	46,251	28,640	6,697	7,105	2,702	782	282	43
A (alone or with B, C or D)	Total	128	38	34	34	14	5	3	-
	NHS	124	37	34	32	14	5	2	-
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	4	1	-	2	-	-	1	-
B (alone)	Total	2,350	1,215	376	463	198	59	29	10
	NHS	2,227	1,153	362	434	185	57	26	10
	NHS agency	15	5	5	2	2	-	1	-
	Non-NHS	108	57	9	27	11	2	2	-
B (with C or D)	Total	93	26	22	23	13	5	3	1
	NHS	82	22	20	19	12	5	3	1
	NHS agency	5	4	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	6	-	2	3	1	-	-	-
C (alone)	Total	151,550	88,106	24,220	24,015	10,104	3,349	1,532	224
	NHS	78,296	42,261	13,500	13,585	5,816	2,000	966	168
	NHS agency	30,389	17,302	5,129	4,714	2,167	713	351	13
	Non-NHS	42,865	28,543	5,591	5,716	2,121	636	215	43
D (alone, or with C)	Total	11,863	39	3,871	4,575	2,166	788	420	4
	NHS	5,827	16	1,805	2,215	1,101	443	245	2
	NHS agency	2,830	7	988	1,019	500	202	112	2
	Non-NHS	3,206	16	1,078	1,341	565	143	63	-
E (alone)	Total	1,775	714	591	300	109	34	18	9
	NHS	1,740	705	575	292	108	33	18	9
	NHS agency	2	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
	Non-NHS	33	9	15	8	1	-	-	-
E (with A,B,C or D)	Total	154	68	28	34	15	4	4	1
	NHS	111	48	22	23	11	3	3	1
	NHS agency	14	6	4	3	1	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	29	14	2	8	3	1	1	-
F or G	Total	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	NHS	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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**Table 11 Legal abortions - numbers:
statutory grounds by gestation weeks and previous live and still born children, 1996**

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Residents**

Statutory grounds	Gestation weeks	Total	Previous live and still born children						
			0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated
All grounds	Total	167,916	90,206	29,142	29,447	12,619	4,244	2,009	249
	Under 9	67,091	37,780	10,690	11,805	4,709	1,422	588	97
	9-12	81,728	42,049	14,666	14,900	6,547	2,321	1,127	118
	13-19	16,904	9,051	3,335	2,515	1,247	461	265	30
	20 and over	2,192	1,326	451	227	116	39	29	4
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
A (alone or with B, C, or D)	Total	128	38	34	34	14	5	3	-
	Under 9	34	7	10	11	5	-	1	-
	9-12	63	17	17	17	7	5	-	-
	13-19	19	6	6	5	1	-	1	-
	20 and over	12	8	1	1	1	-	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B (alone)	Total	2,350	1,215	376	463	198	59	29	10
	Under 9	743	383	114	149	62	20	12	3
	9-12	1,512	785	247	296	125	37	15	7
	13-19	90	44	14	18	10	2	2	-
	20 and over	5	3	1	-	1	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B (with C or D)	Total	93	26	22	23	13	5	3	1
	Under 9	42	16	8	9	5	2	2	-
	9-12	45	7	12	14	8	2	1	1
	13-19	6	3	2	-	-	1	-	-
	20 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
C (alone)	Total	151,550	88,106	24,220	24,015	10,104	3,349	1,532	224
	Under 9	61,651	37,325	9,119	9,742	3,797	1,138	438	92
	9-12	73,835	41,132	12,344	12,241	5,281	1,854	876	107
	13-19	14,640	8,607	2,566	1,931	967	339	205	25
	20 and over	1,423	1,042	191	101	59	17	13	-
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
D (alone, or with C)	Total	11,863	39	3,871	4,575	2,166	788	420	4
	Under 9	4,540	17	1,419	1,876	834	258	134	2
	9-12	6,027	19	1,977	2,274	1,107	418	230	2
	13-19	1,200	3	445	389	212	103	48	-
	20 and over	96	-	30	36	13	9	8	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E (alone)	Total	1,775	714	591	300	109	34	18	9
	Under 9	35	13	12	8	1	1	-	-
	9-12	194	68	60	46	14	4	2	-
	13-19	920	377	298	163	52	16	9	5
	20 and over	626	256	221	83	42	13	7	4
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
E (with A, B, C or D)	Total	154	68	28	34	15	4	4	1
	Under 9	46	19	8	10	5	3	1	-
	9-12	50	21	9	10	5	1	3	1
	13-19	28	11	4	8	5	-	-	-
	20 and over	30	17	7	6	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
F or G	Total	3	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
	Under 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9-12	2	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	13-19	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	20 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Table 12 Legal abortions - numbers: purchaser by gestation weeks, procedure and duration of stay (nights), 1996

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Purchaser, gestation weeks and procedure		Duration of stay (nights)†											
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Not applicable	
Total Purchasers		167,916	140,127	15,428	2,022	272	126	72	49	80	25	9,715	
Under 9	All procedures	67,091	55,176	4,549	113	29	22	12	9	15	7	7,159	
	Hysterotomy (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hysterectomy (only)	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	56,498	52,149	4,160	105	26	22	11	6	12	7	-	
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,899	2,538	360	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	D and E	442	417	20	2	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	65	52	7	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins with other agents	6	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	7,159	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	7,159
Other medical	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other combined methods	8	7	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9-12	All procedures	81,728	76,488	4,009	298	57	39	28	17	24	8	760	
	Hysterotomy (only)	10	2	2	1	1	-	2	1	1	-	-	
	Hysterectomy (only)	5	-	1	-	1	1	-	1	1	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	77,226	73,267	3,574	247	43	31	23	15	19	7	-	
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,587	2,261	315	9	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	
	D and E	881	826	43	7	3	-	1	-	1	-	-	
	Other surgical	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins (only)	184	79	63	29	6	4	1	-	1	1	-	
	Prostaglandins with other agents	8	2	3	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	760	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	760
Other medical	38	30	5	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other combined methods	28	20	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-		
13-19	All procedures	16,904	8,305	6,154	646	140	47	24	17	23	6	1,542	
	Hysterotomy (only)	9	-	1	-	3	2	2	-	1	-	-	
	Hysterectomy (only)	3	1	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	7,385	5,697	1,600	58	11	4	5	3	6	1	-	
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	3,898	1,427	2,428	36	3	2	2	-	-	-	-	
	D and E	2,266	995	1,187	62	8	5	2	2	2	3	-	
	Other surgical	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins (only)	1,278	129	673	326	91	29	11	8	9	2	-	
	Prostaglandins with other agents	446	30	235	146	23	5	1	3	3	-	-	
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	1,542	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,542
Other medical	34	16	15	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		
Other combined methods	39	9	14	13	1	-	-	-	2	-	-		
20 and over	All procedures	2,192	157	716	965	46	18	8	6	18	4	254	
	Hysterotomy (only)	8	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	1	-	
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	38	8	12	18	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	725	29	148	542	4	1	1	-	-	-	-	
	D and E	314	17	47	246	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	Other surgical	4	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins (only)	316	25	143	96	27	10	4	3	7	1	-	
	Prostaglandins with other agents	416	21	322	53	9	3	-	2	6	-	-	
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	254	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	254
Other medical	110	56	38	7	4	2	1	-	-	2	-		
Other combined methods	7	-	4	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-		
Not stated	All procedures	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Prostaglandins with other agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-	
Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.
: Not applicable.

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Table 12 - continued

Purchaser, gestation weeks and procedure		Duration of stay (nights)†										
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Not applicable
Total NHS		88,410	75,023	3,052	1,021	254	115	66	44	74	12	8,749
Under 9	All procedures	26,439	19,654	398	104	23	19	12	6	12	-	6,211
	Hysterotomy (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	6	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	2	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	19,427	18,905	363	96	20	19	11	3	10	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	316	303	12	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	402	384	14	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	62	49	7	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	4	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	6,211	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6,211
	Other medical	7	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	3	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-12	All procedures	54,590	52,110	1,286	290	54	36	26	16	22	6	744
	Hysterotomy (only)	7	2	-	-	1	-	2	1	1	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	4	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	52,005	50,470	1,165	243	41	28	21	14	18	5	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	782	746	27	8	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	D and E	804	771	23	5	3	-	1	-	1	-	-
	Other surgical	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	181	77	63	29	6	4	1	-	-	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	6	1	2	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	744	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	744
	Other medical	32	26	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	24	16	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
13-19	All procedures	6,605	3,156	1,178	488	136	44	21	16	23	3	1,540
	Hysterotomy (only)	8	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	1	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	2	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	2,536	2,245	209	54	10	4	5	3	6	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	178	162	11	3	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	845	594	199	36	7	4	1	1	2	1	-
	Other surgical	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	1,258	125	661	323	91	28	11	8	9	2	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	185	12	79	59	23	5	1	3	3	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	1,540	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,540
	Other medical	24	15	6	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	26	2	12	9	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
20 and over	All procedures	776	103	190	139	41	16	7	6	17	3	254
	Hysterotomy (only)	8	1	-	-	-	2	1	1	2	1	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	19	7	5	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	23	10	4	7	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	312	25	141	94	27	10	4	3	7	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	82	7	32	24	9	2	-	2	6	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	254	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	254
	Other medical	72	53	6	5	4	2	1	-	-	1	-
	Other combined methods	3	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	1	-	-
Not stated	All procedures	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.
: Not applicable.

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Purchaser, gestation weeks and procedure		Duration of stay (nights)†										
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Not applicable
Total NHS agency		33,255	28,064	4,536	415	7	5	6	2	1	7	212
Under 9	All procedures	12,485	11,626	642	4	1	1	-	-	1	3	207
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	11,476	10,907	559	4	1	1	-	-	1	3	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	794	711	83	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	207	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	207
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9-12	All procedures	14,022	13,205	804	4	-	-	2	1	-	1
Hysterotomy (only)		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hysterectomy (only)		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)		13,113	12,427	680	2	-	-	2	1	-	1	-
Vacuum aspiration with D and E		863	746	116	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other surgical		35	29	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins (only)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins with other agents		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other medical		5	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	5
Other combined methods		2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-19		All procedures	6,008	3,198	2,752	45	3	3	3	1	-	3
	Hysterotomy (only)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	2,750	2,116	631	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,339	838	1,483	13	2	1	2	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	800	229	559	7	-	1	1	1	-	2	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	10	4	4	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	98	8	68	22	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other medical	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other combined methods	6	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	20 and over	All procedures	740	35	338	362	3	1	1	-	-	-
Hysterotomy (only)		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hysterectomy (only)		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)		10	1	5	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Vacuum aspiration with D and E		411	22	87	298	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
Other surgical		62	2	16	43	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins (only)		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins with other agents		1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin		226	9	202	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other medical		-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
Other combined methods		26	1	24	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated		All procedures	4	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

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Purchaser, gestation weeks and procedure		Duration of stay (nights)†										
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over	Not stated	Not applicable
	Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total Non-NHS		46,251	37,040	7,840	586	11	6	-	3	5	6	754
Under 9	All procedures	28,167	23,896	3,509	5	5	2	-	3	2	4	741
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	25,595	22,337	3,238	5	5	2	-	3	1	4	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,789	1,524	265	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	32	25	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	741	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	741
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-12	All procedures	13,116	11,173	1,919	4	3	3	-	-	2	1	11
	Hysterotomy (only)	2	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	12,108	10,370	1,729	2	2	3	-	-	1	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	942	769	172	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	42	26	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	11	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	11
	Other medical	6	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-19	All procedures	4,291	1,951	2,224	113	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	2,099	1,336	760	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,381	427	934	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	621	172	429	19	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	10	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	163	10	88	65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	2	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	2
	Other medical	4	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	10	5	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 and over	All procedures	676	19	188	464	2	1	-	-	1	1	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	9	-	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	312	7	60	243	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	229	5	27	196	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Other surgical	3	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	108	5	88	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other medical	12	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not stated	All procedures	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other medical	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.

: Not applicable.

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Table 13 Complications of legal abortions - numbers* and rates per 1,000 abortions: gestation weeks by complication, 1996

England and Wales
Residents

Reported complication	All gestations	Total per 1,000 abortions	Gestation weeks							
			Under 13		13-19		20 and over		Not stated	
			Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions
Total	515	3.07	389	2.61	104	6.15	22	10.04	-	-
Sepsis	57	0.34	42	0.28	14	0.83	1	0.46	-	-
Haemorrhage	226	1.35	150	1.01	62	3.67	14	6.39	-	-
Perforation	131	0.78	115	0.77	15	0.89	1	0.46	-	-
Other	120	0.71	96	0.65	17	1.01	7	3.19	-	-

* The figures on type of complication (Sepsis, Haemorrhage, Perforation, Other) represent the number of times each complication is reported (mentioned) rather than the number of operations.

The corresponding information for non-residents can be found in table 24c.

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Table 14 Legal abortions and complications of legal abortions - numbers: gestation weeks by complication and procedure, 1996

England and Wales
Residents

Gestation weeks and complication†	Total	Hysterotomy (only)	Hysterectomy (only)	Vacuum aspiration (only)	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	D and E	Other surgical	Prostaglandins (only)	Prostaglandins with other agents	Antiprogestone with or without prostaglandin	Other medical	Other combined methods
All gestations												
Procedures performed	167,916	28	14	141,148	10,109	3,903	9	1,843	876	9,715	189	82
No complications	167,401	19	12	140,800	10,085	3,878	9	1,819	866	9,649	187	77
Complications	515	9	2	348	24	25	-	24	10	66	2	5
Sepsis	57	-	-	44	3	1	-	3	-	6	-	-
Haemorrhage	226	1	1	130	10	16	-	15	6	44	1	2
Perforation	131	6	1	109	7	4	-	-	1	2	-	1
Other	120	2	-	79	4	7	-	6	3	16	1	2
Under 9 weeks												
Procedures performed	67,091	1	6	56,498	2,899	442	-	65	6	7,159	7	8
Complications	134	1	-	93	1	2	-	-	1	35	-	1
Sepsis	21	-	-	16	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Haemorrhage	43	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	21	-	-
Perforation	40	1	-	35	1	-	-	-	1	2	-	-
Other	32	-	-	22	-	2	-	-	-	7	-	1
9-12 weeks												
Procedures performed	81,728	10	5	77,226	2,587	881	1	184	8	760	38	28
Complications	255	6	1	222	7	5	-	3	-	10	-	1
Sepsis	21	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	107	1	1	90	2	3	-	2	-	8	-	-
Perforation	75	3	-	67	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	64	2	-	56	1	1	-	1	-	2	-	1
13-19 weeks												
Procedures performed	16,904	9	3	7,385	3,898	2,266	4	1,278	446	1,542	34	39
Complications	104	1	1	33	13	17	-	15	7	13	1	3
Sepsis	14	-	-	7	3	1	-	2	-	1	-	-
Haemorrhage	62	-	-	18	5	12	-	10	5	10	-	2
Perforation	15	1	1	7	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	1
Other	17	-	-	1	3	4	-	3	2	3	1	-
20 weeks and over												
Procedures performed	2,192	8	-	38	725	314	4	316	416	254	110	7
Complications	22	1	-	-	3	1	-	6	2	8	1	-
Sepsis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	14	-	-	-	3	1	-	3	1	5	1	-
Perforation	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	4	-	-
Not stated												
Procedures performed	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Complications	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Sepsis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Perforation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

† The figures for type of complication represent the number of times each complication is reported (mentioned) rather than the number of operations.

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Table 15a Legal abortions - numbers: **England and Wales**
age by Regional office area of usual residence, 1996 *Residents*

Regional office area of usual residence	All ages	Total 15 and over	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Numbers												
England and Wales	167,916	166,805	1,098	2,547	28,790	46,356	39,311	28,228	16,118	5,027	428	13
Wales	7,287	7,212	75	167	1,479	2,097	1,569	1,043	636	210	11	-
Northern and Yorkshire	16,170	16,009	161	355	3,279	4,601	3,482	2,402	1,405	442	43	-
Trent	12,917	12,785	132	278	2,490	3,590	2,899	1,987	1,152	360	29	-
Anglia and Oxford	14,148	14,058	89	211	2,480	3,849	3,071	2,392	1,472	532	51	1
North Thames	37,139	37,000	134	317	4,838	10,196	9,921	6,907	3,682	1,044	95	5
South Thames	28,313	28,164	145	299	4,203	7,536	7,026	5,257	2,868	900	75	4
South and West	15,990	15,876	114	262	3,148	4,358	3,374	2,568	1,595	524	47	-
West Midlands	17,027	16,907	118	327	3,162	4,642	3,821	2,756	1,654	500	45	2
North West	18,925	18,794	130	331	3,711	5,487	4,148	2,916	1,654	515	32	1

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Table 15b Legal abortions - rates per 1,000 women: **England and Wales**
age by Regional office area of usual residence, 1996 *Residents*

Regional office area of usual residence	All ages (14-49)	15-44#	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
Rates† per 1,000 women												
England and Wales	13.03	15.49	3.55	8.08	24.34	28.58	19.91	13.42	8.63	3.00	0.23	-
Wales	10.52	12.62	4.11	8.96	21.86	24.41	15.81	9.78	6.38	2.26	0.11	-
Northern and Yorkshire	10.36	12.30	4.18	9.01	22.01	23.01	15.37	9.63	6.16	2.15	0.19	-
Trent	10.32	12.25	4.39	9.03	21.81	22.46	15.23	9.88	6.35	2.20	0.16	-
Anglia and Oxford	10.46	12.46	2.75	6.28	20.21	22.76	14.50	11.10	7.63	2.99	0.26	-
North Thames	20.44	23.93	3.40	7.85	29.94	43.96	32.95	21.73	13.88	4.65	0.40	-
South Thames	16.45	19.48	3.79	7.65	28.25	36.28	25.58	17.73	11.28	4.08	0.31	-
South and West	10.16	12.20	2.98	6.69	21.88	22.36	14.61	10.41	6.98	2.46	0.20	-
West Midlands	13.16	15.65	3.62	9.90	25.66	28.30	19.33	13.33	8.99	2.97	0.24	-
North West	11.67	13.91	3.15	8.04	24.44	26.31	17.12	11.10	7.06	2.47	0.14	-

† The rates (per 1,000 women) for the under 15 age-group are based on the population of women aged 14.

The rates for the 45 and over age-group are based on the population of women aged 45-49.

The denominator is the mid-1996 estimated resident population figure.

The rate for women aged 15-44 is based on abortions to women aged 15-44 in relation to the population of resident women aged 15-44.

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Regional office area of termination	Purchaser	England and Wales	Regional office area of usual residence								
			Wales	Northern and Yorkshire	Trent	Anglia and Oxford	North Thames	South Thames	South and West	West Midlands	North West
England and Wales	Total	167,916	7,287	16,170	12,917	14,148	37,139	28,313	15,990	17,027	18,925
	NHS	88,410	4,572	12,754	10,667	9,223	16,421	10,997	9,979	3,289	10,508
	NHS agency	33,255	1,606	1,686	308	1,744	6,266	7,238	2,522	8,913	2,972
	Non-NHS	46,251	1,109	1,730	1,942	3,181	14,452	10,078	3,489	4,825	5,445
Wales	Total	4,505	4,489	-	-	1	-	1	4	8	2
	NHS	4,481	4,465	-	-	1	-	1	4	8	2
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	24	24	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern and Yorkshire	Total	13,669	1	13,527	82	1	10	7	1	3	37
	NHS	12,663	-	12,607	22	1	2	7	-	1	23
	NHS agency	888	-	812	56	-	4	-	-	2	14
	Non-NHS	118	1	108	4	-	4	-	1	-	-
Trent	Total	13,469	3	1,986	11,109	150	10	10	13	169	19
	NHS	10,543	1	31	10,319	19	4	2	4	159	4
	NHS agency	871	1	778	42	47	-	-	1	-	2
	Non-NHS	2,055	1	1,177	748	84	6	8	8	10	13
Anglia and Oxford	Total	9,673	1	1	115	9,217	276	6	44	13	-
	NHS	9,554	1	1	110	9,110	275	4	40	13	-
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	119	-	-	5	107	1	2	4	-	-
North Thames	Total	36,516	95	91	57	2,081	30,910	2,890	312	46	34
	NHS	16,313	-	1	1	58	16,085	154	7	4	3
	NHS agency	6,335	19	33	21	609	4,612	941	72	19	9
	Non-NHS	13,868	76	57	35	1,414	10,213	1,795	233	23	22
South Thames	Total	33,117	35	57	51	1,089	5,811	25,325	619	57	73
	NHS	11,028	2	5	1	25	45	10,808	135	5	2
	NHS agency	8,358	6	15	3	270	1,633	6,287	131	7	6
	Non-NHS	13,731	27	37	47	794	4,133	8,230	353	45	65
South and West	Total	14,677	47	4	2	175	12	47	14,365	15	10
	NHS	9,839	10	2	2	4	4	17	9,786	11	3
	NHS agency	2,108	9	1	-	54	2	5	2,033	1	3
	Non-NHS	2,730	28	1	-	117	6	25	2,546	3	4
West Midlands	Total	21,409	1,330	63	1,295	1,421	91	16	626	16,470	97
	NHS	3,348	68	2	175	1	4	1	3	3,079	15
	NHS agency	10,696	614	29	120	764	15	2	284	8,828	40
	Non-NHS	7,365	648	32	1,000	656	72	13	339	4,563	42
North West	Total	20,881	1,286	441	206	13	19	11	6	246	18,653
	NHS	10,641	25	105	37	4	2	3	-	9	10,456
	NHS agency	3,999	957	18	66	-	-	3	1	56	2,898
	Non-NHS	6,241	304	318	103	9	17	5	5	181	5,299

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Table 17 Legal abortions - numbers: Regional office area of usual residence by (i) statutory grounds, (ii) procedure, (iii) purchaser and duration of stay (nights), (iv) purchaser and gestation weeks, (v) previous live and still born children, (vi) cases with previous abortion(s) under the Act: age, 1996 England and Wales Residents

	England and Wales	Regional office area of usual residence								
		Wales	Northern and Yorkshire	Trent	Anglia and Oxford	North Thames	South Thames	South and West	West Midlands	North West
Total	167,916	7,287	16,170	12,917	14,148	37,139	28,313	15,990	17,027	18,925
(i) Statutory grounds										
A (alone or with B,C or D)	128	5	10	24	22	17	15	11	4	20
B (alone)	2,350	37	82	82	123	422	767	440	55	342
B (with C or D)	93	-	27	6	11	9	13	5	5	17
C (alone)	151,550	6,651	14,674	11,652	13,164	34,645	24,699	14,329	14,616	17,120
D (alone, or with C)	11,863	520	1,145	993	586	1,727	2,484	990	2,197	1,221
E (alone)	1,775	68	220	146	230	297	305	196	122	191
E (with A,B,C or D)	154	5	12	14	11	21	30	19	28	14
F or G	3	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
(ii) Procedure										
Hysterotomy (only)	28	2	4	3	2	2	5	2	1	7
Hysterectomy (only)	14	-	2	-	-	2	1	-	4	5
Vacuum aspiration (only)	141,148	5,831	12,351	10,186	11,564	32,044	25,256	13,869	13,642	16,405
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	10,109	156	161	540	689	3,046	1,701	948	2,391	477
D and E	3,903	174	515	340	275	772	595	535	312	385
Other surgical	9	-	1	1	1	2	3	-	-	1
Prostaglandins (only)	1,843	144	318	296	149	192	209	152	179	204
Prostaglandins with other agents	876	39	60	99	58	70	73	102	195	180
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	9,715	933	2,718	1,431	1,394	979	388	360	273	1,239
Other medical	189	3	32	7	15	24	56	13	25	14
Other combined methods	82	5	8	14	1	6	26	9	5	8
(iii) Purchaser and duration of stay (nights) †										
NHS										
Total	88,410	4,572	12,754	10,667	9,223	16,421	10,997	9,979	3,289	10,508
0	75,023	3,211	9,231	8,600	7,581	15,185	10,362	9,267	2,722	8,864
1	3,052	292	577	475	206	405	322	269	241	265
2	1,021	121	190	119	76	139	91	91	93	101
3	254	20	35	30	15	32	43	22	28	29
4	115	10	25	12	8	10	12	9	12	17
5	66	3	7	10	6	11	7	2	8	12
6	44	2	5	9	3	14	3	3	3	2
7 and over	74	7	11	2	6	16	8	6	7	11
Not stated	12	3	1	1	2	1	2	1	1	-
Not applicable≠	8,749	903	2,672	1,409	1,320	608	147	309	174	1,207
NHS agency										
Total	33,255	1,606	1,686	308	1,744	6,266	7,238	2,522	8,913	2,972
0	28,064	1,431	1,362	217	1,478	5,093	6,053	1,914	8,003	2,513
1	4,536	147	297	83	220	982	989	567	820	431
2	415	16	22	7	38	131	127	30	21	23
3	7	-	-	1	-	2	3	-	-	1
4	5	-	2	-	-	1	2	-	-	-
5	6	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	2	-
6	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
7 and over	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Not stated	7	-	-	-	-	3	4	-	-	-
Not applicable≠	212	12	2	-	8	52	57	11	67	3
Non-NHS										
Total	46,251	1,109	1,730	1,942	3,181	14,452	10,078	3,489	4,825	5,445
0	37,040	851	1,248	1,549	2,604	11,183	8,573	2,885	4,151	3,996
1	7,840	226	401	339	460	2,764	1,230	514	595	1,311
2	586	14	36	30	48	174	86	48	46	104
3	11	-	1	1	1	4	2	1	-	1
4	6	-	-	1	1	2	1	-	-	1
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2
7 and over	5	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	1	1
Not stated	6	-	-	-	-	3	2	1	-	-
Not applicable≠	754	18	44	22	66	319	184	40	32	29

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.
 ≠ These are abortions by antiprogesterone, for which duration of stay is not applicable.

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Table 17 - continued

	England and Wales	Regional office area of usual residence								
		Wales	Northern and Yorkshire	Trent	Anglia and Oxford	North Thames	South Thames	South and West	West Midlands	North West
(iv) Purchaser and gestation weeks										
NHS										
Total	88,410	4,572	12,754	10,667	9,223	16,421	10,997	9,979	3,289	10,508
Under 9	26,439	1,228	4,476	3,398	3,638	4,199	2,698	2,485	987	3,330
9-12	54,590	2,840	7,043	6,397	4,969	10,709	7,280	6,861	2,017	6,474
13-19	6,605	477	1,131	811	520	1,357	884	573	228	624
20 and over	776	27	104	61	96	156	135	60	57	80
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NHS agency										
Total	33,255	1,606	1,686	308	1,744	6,266	7,238	2,522	8,913	2,972
Under 9	12,485	545	618	120	622	2,627	2,890	779	3,204	1,080
9-12	14,022	738	802	98	741	2,433	2,664	920	4,301	1,325
13-19	6,008	284	220	66	314	1,046	1,503	753	1,296	526
20 and over	740	39	46	24	67	160	181	70	112	41
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non-NHS										
Total	46,251	1,109	1,730	1,942	3,181	14,452	10,078	3,489	4,825	5,445
Under 9	28,167	552	827	1,161	1,830	9,436	6,615	1,868	2,802	3,076
9-12	13,116	409	589	507	973	3,639	2,646	1,169	1,467	1,717
13-19	4,291	120	265	238	313	1,178	719	394	482	582
20 and over	676	28	49	36	65	199	97	58	74	70
Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
(v) Previous live and still born children										
0	90,206	3,714	8,224	6,659	7,719	21,216	15,870	8,866	8,391	9,547
1	29,142	1,372	3,078	2,309	2,232	6,074	4,771	2,498	3,087	3,721
2	29,447	1,372	3,003	2,433	2,590	5,775	4,699	2,871	3,240	3,464
3	12,619	577	1,251	1,005	1,067	2,609	2,015	1,209	1,496	1,390
4	4,244	182	388	346	359	932	638	388	496	515
5 and over	2,009	66	201	139	159	487	285	127	291	254
Not stated	249	4	25	26	22	46	35	31	26	34
(vi) Cases with previous abortion(s) under the Act: age										
All Ages	47,143	1,564	3,624	3,159	3,559	12,518	9,340	3,892	4,869	4,618
Under 15	16	2	1	-	1	4	3	2	2	1
15	55	4	9	3	5	9	11	5	3	6
16-19	3,112	115	275	247	237	683	519	304	367	365
20-24	11,975	444	1,053	900	906	2,928	2,163	998	1,293	1,290
25-29	14,154	464	1,042	972	1,015	3,896	2,829	1,111	1,442	1,383
30-34	10,689	334	749	617	800	3,034	2,321	854	1,044	936
35-39	5,565	162	388	341	424	1,529	1,159	484	565	513
40-44	1,463	38	99	74	160	392	317	123	144	116
45 and over	112	1	8	5	11	41	18	11	9	8
Not stated	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-

† Planned day cases which required overnight stay are included under the relevant number of nights' stay.

≠ These are abortions by antiprogesterone, for which duration of stay is not applicable.

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Table 18 Legal abortions involving sterilisation - numbers: England and Wales
area of termination by purchaser, age and previous live and still born children, 1996 *Residents*

Regional office area of termination	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children	All ages	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated	
England and Wales	NHS	Total	2,575	-	4	137	661	774	689	285	24	1	
		0	99	-	3	15	19	20	27	13	2	-	
		1	211	-	1	11	42	62	55	36	3	1	
		2	1,002	-	-	46	242	309	287	112	6	-	
		3	711	-	-	44	215	202	176	66	8	-	
		4	356	-	-	16	107	121	81	27	4	-	
		5 and over	193	-	-	5	34	59	63	31	1	-	
		Not stated	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	257	1	-	9	49	85	85	27	1	-	
		0	16	1	-	4	1	4	4	2	-	-	
		1	19	-	-	-	4	2	9	4	-	-	
		2	91	-	-	4	15	35	29	7	1	-	
		3	75	-	-	1	21	23	24	6	-	-	
		4	36	-	-	-	7	14	12	3	-	-	
		5 and over	20	-	-	-	1	7	7	5	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	383	-	-	12	53	80	150	83	5	-	
		0	29	-	-	5	6	6	7	5	-	-	
		1	41	-	-	2	4	9	19	6	1	-	
		2	172	-	-	4	23	34	65	42	4	-	
		3	91	-	-	1	14	20	41	15	-	-	
		4	37	-	-	-	6	8	13	10	-	-	
		5 and over	13	-	-	-	-	3	5	5	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Wales	NHS	Total	129	-	-	8	40	40	31	10	-	-
			0	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
1			14	-	-	1	-	6	7	-	-	-	
2			59	-	-	2	18	14	18	7	-	-	
3			29	-	-	2	15	8	4	-	-	-	
4			19	-	-	3	6	9	-	1	-	-	
5 and over			7	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	-	-	
Not stated			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NHS agency		Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-NHS		Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Northern and Yorkshire		NHS	Total	390	-	-	28	107	109	106	37	3	-
			0	14	-	-	1	2	2	7	2	-	-
	1		32	-	-	3	10	9	7	3	-	-	
	2		166	-	-	11	34	48	52	19	2	-	
	3		107	-	-	8	36	29	26	7	1	-	
	4		43	-	-	3	17	15	6	2	-	-	
	5 and over		27	-	-	2	7	6	8	4	-	-	
	Not stated		1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Table 18 - continued

Regional office area of termination	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children	All ages	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated	
Trent	NHS	Total	476	-	2	32	133	150	104	52	3	-	
		0	11	-	1	-	3	1	4	2	-	-	
		1	41	-	1	3	7	15	7	7	1	-	
		2	180	-	-	15	46	61	44	14	-	-	
		3	140	-	-	11	48	35	26	18	2	-	
		4	65	-	-	3	21	26	12	3	-	-	
		5 and over	38	-	-	-	7	12	11	8	-	-	
		Not stated	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
		NHS agency	Total	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
	0		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	2		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	3		1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
	4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	5 and over		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS		Total	15	-	-	1	1	4	7	2	-	-
		0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		2	7	-	-	-	1	3	2	1	-	-	
		3	4	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	
		4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Anglia and Oxford	NHS	Total	359	-	1	10	88	113	87	52	8
	0			17	-	1	2	4	2	3	4	1	-
	1			25	-	-	-	4	8	5	6	2	-
2	135			-	-	2	31	47	38	16	1	-	
3	101			-	-	3	32	24	25	15	2	-	
4	55			-	-	2	15	23	8	5	2	-	
5 and over	25			-	-	1	2	8	8	6	-	-	
Not stated	1			-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
NHS agency	Total			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	0		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	1		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	2		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	3		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	5 and over		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS		Total	6	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	2	-
0			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
1			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
2			3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	
3			2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
4			1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
5 and over			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not stated			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
North Thames			NHS	Total	148	-	-	7	30	45	54	12	-
	0			7	-	-	3	3	-	1	-	-	
	1			11	-	-	1	1	4	2	3	-	
	2	48		-	-	1	10	17	18	2	-		
	3	41		-	-	1	8	13	17	2	-		
	4	31		-	-	1	6	9	12	3	-		
	5 and over	10		-	-	-	2	2	4	2	-		
	Not stated	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	NHS agency	Total		73	-	-	4	13	23	28	5	-	
		0	7	-	-	3	-	1	1	2	-		
		1	5	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	-		
		2	23	-	-	1	4	6	11	1	-		
		3	24	-	-	-	7	8	8	1	-		
		4	10	-	-	-	-	6	3	1	-		
		5 and over	4	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-		
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
		Non-NHS	Total	151	-	-	1	26	31	49	43	1	
	0		11	-	-	1	2	3	3	2	-		
	1		9	-	-	-	1	2	2	3	1		
	2		71	-	-	-	15	11	23	22	-		
	3		39	-	-	-	6	9	14	10	-		
	4		16	-	-	-	2	4	6	4	-		
	5 and over		5	-	-	-	-	2	1	2	-		
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		

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Table 18 - continued

Regional office area of termination	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children	All ages	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated		
South Thames	NHS	Total	206	-	-	7	37	66	67	26	3	-		
		0	11	-	-	1	3	5	2	-	-	-		
		1	12	-	-	1	2	1	4	4	-	-		
		2	79	-	-	2	13	24	28	12	-	-		
		3	66	-	-	3	12	25	18	5	3	-		
		4	28	-	-	-	6	6	12	4	-	-		
		5 and over	10	-	-	-	1	5	3	1	-	-		
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	53	-	-	-	14	16	16	7	-	-	-	
		0	4	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	
		1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	
		2	20	-	-	-	5	8	4	3	-	-	-	
		3	18	-	-	-	6	4	6	2	-	-	-	
		4	5	-	-	-	2	2	1	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	3	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	91	-	-	6	10	22	33	17	3	-	-	
		0	8	-	-	3	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	
		1	12	-	-	2	1	4	4	1	-	-	-	
		2	45	-	-	1	2	10	16	13	3	-	-	
		3	19	-	-	-	4	6	9	-	-	-	-	
		4	6	-	-	-	1	1	2	2	-	-	-	
		5 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	South and West	NHS	Total	204	-	1	5	40	59	60	34	5	-	
			0	12	-	1	3	1	2	2	2	1	-	-
			1	20	-	-	-	3	7	5	5	-	-	-
2			75	-	-	2	14	19	22	15	3	-	-	
3			58	-	-	-	12	19	19	8	-	-	-	
4			27	-	-	-	6	8	9	3	1	-	-	
5 and over			12	-	-	-	4	4	3	1	-	-	-	
Not stated			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
NHS agency		Total	17	-	-	-	1	9	4	2	1	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		2	8	-	-	-	-	6	-	1	1	-	-	
		3	6	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	
		4	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-NHS		Total	15	-	-	-	1	1	10	3	-	-	-	
		0	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	4	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	
		2	8	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	-	-	-	
		3	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
West Midlands		NHS	Total	206	-	-	10	58	60	62	15	1	-	
			0	12	-	-	-	-	5	6	1	-	-	-
			1	19	-	-	2	3	8	8	2	-	-	-
	2		80	-	-	2	23	25	24	6	-	-	-	
	3		51	-	-	4	18	13	15	1	-	-	-	
	4		26	-	-	1	9	6	8	2	-	-	-	
	5 and over		18	-	-	1	5	3	5	3	1	-	-	
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	83	1	-	4	15	25	29	9	-	-	-	
		0	4	1	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	
		1	7	-	-	-	2	1	3	1	-	-	-	
		2	28	-	-	3	5	9	10	1	-	-	-	
		3	19	-	-	-	5	6	7	1	-	-	-	
		4	14	-	-	-	3	4	5	2	-	-	-	
		5 and over	11	-	-	-	-	4	3	4	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	54	-	-	2	11	10	18	13	-	-	-	
		0	6	-	-	1	1	-	1	3	-	-	-	
		1	10	-	-	-	2	2	5	1	-	-	-	
		2	13	-	-	1	1	3	4	4	-	-	-	
		3	15	-	-	-	4	3	6	2	-	-	-	
		4	7	-	-	-	3	1	2	1	-	-	-	
		5 and over	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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Regional office area of termination	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children	All ages	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated		
North West	NHS	Total	457	-	-	30	128	132	118	47	1	1		
		0	14	-	-	5	2	3	2	2	-	-		
		1	37	-	-	-	12	4	14	6	-	-	1	
		2	180	-	-	9	53	54	43	21	-	-	-	
		3	118	-	-	12	34	36	26	10	-	-	-	
		4	62	-	-	3	21	19	14	4	1	-	-	
		5 and over	46	-	-	1	6	16	19	4	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		NHS agency	Total	29	-	-	1	6	12	6	4	-	-	-
			0	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	1		3	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	
	2		11	-	-	-	1	6	3	1	-	-	-	
	3		7	-	-	1	2	3	-	1	-	-	-	
	4		5	-	-	-	2	1	2	-	-	-	-	
	5 and over		2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	50	-	-	2	4	11	29	3	1	-	-	
		0	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	5	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	
		2	24	-	-	2	4	6	11	-	1	-	-	
		3	11	-	-	-	-	1	8	2	-	-	-	
		4	4	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	
		5 and over	4	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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**Table 19 Legal abortions - numbers:
area of usual residence by age, 1996**

**England and Wales
Residents**

Area of usual residence	Total	Age												
		Under 15	15	16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
England and Wales	167,916	1,098	2,547	5,209	6,994	8,070	8,517	46,356	39,311	28,228	16,118	5,027	428	13
England	160,629	1,023	2,380	4,911	6,647	7,641	8,112	44,259	37,742	27,185	15,482	4,817	417	13
Wales	7,287	75	167	298	347	429	405	2,097	1,569	1,043	636	210	11	-
Regional Offices and Health authorities														
Northern and Yorkshire	16,170	161	355	648	839	857	935	4,601	3,482	2,402	1,405	442	43	-
Bradford	1,210	5	29	42	76	57	73	327	293	170	99	32	7	-
County Durham	1,392	20	47	77	77	93	80	355	292	188	126	34	3	-
East Riding	1,672	12	30	60	107	89	94	518	347	232	138	40	5	-
Gateshead and South Tyneside	802	5	19	41	53	45	36	220	169	117	75	20	2	-
Leeds	2,115	9	37	74	93	85	124	687	463	321	173	46	3	-
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,383	10	30	48	65	68	74	405	301	208	126	45	3	-
North Cumbria	747	16	11	22	34	39	35	195	160	146	70	19	-	-
Northumberland	662	8	19	31	34	35	40	155	130	115	71	20	4	-
Sunderland	828	12	28	38	42	49	66	242	163	95	71	22	-	-
Tees	1,388	22	45	84	75	92	85	376	299	176	99	34	1	-
Wakefield	763	12	15	34	32	39	41	238	164	108	64	16	-	-
North Yorkshire	1,658	16	21	52	87	92	100	444	354	276	159	52	5	-
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,550	14	24	45	64	74	87	439	347	250	134	62	10	-
Trent	12,917	132	278	496	595	695	704	3,590	2,899	1,987	1,152	360	29	-
Barnsley	399	6	8	22	21	24	20	112	79	56	38	13	-	-
North Derbyshire	814	13	27	36	34	43	39	207	168	127	87	29	4	-
South Derbyshire	1,412	14	25	61	68	83	86	362	324	230	114	42	3	-
Doncaster	867	15	17	43	34	51	53	253	190	117	67	25	2	-
Leicestershire	2,501	19	37	80	108	138	141	713	566	388	238	70	3	-
Lincolnshire	1,242	16	31	47	64	63	74	334	265	196	116	32	4	-
North Nottinghamshire	838	6	21	26	45	37	42	227	199	131	75	24	5	-
Nottingham	1,802	10	40	66	75	90	98	544	421	260	153	41	4	-
Rotherham	664	13	19	33	35	43	31	179	138	104	50	18	1	-
Sheffield	1,553	8	30	44	69	76	79	441	354	259	149	42	2	-
South Humber	825	12	23	38	42	47	41	218	195	119	65	24	1	-
Anglia and Oxford	14,148	89	211	452	600	687	741	3,849	3,071	2,392	1,472	532	51	1
Bedfordshire	1,736	7	21	54	74	84	84	492	358	302	185	63	11	1
Berkshire	2,533	12	37	91	90	124	123	679	569	448	273	79	8	-
Buckinghamshire	1,942	13	36	60	86	82	102	491	441	318	225	81	7	-
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,108	5	13	20	48	47	52	347	224	184	115	48	5	-
East Norfolk	1,299	13	17	43	39	69	67	387	272	197	137	56	2	-
Northamptonshire	1,638	16	25	55	78	92	91	415	374	277	160	53	2	-
North West Anglia	872	6	16	36	37	36	51	242	190	156	67	29	6	-
Oxfordshire	1,694	12	22	49	67	84	98	447	366	291	179	73	6	-
Suffolk	1,326	5	24	44	81	69	73	349	277	219	131	50	4	-
North Thames	37,139	134	317	736	1,132	1,343	1,627	10,196	9,921	6,907	3,682	1,044	95	5
Barking and Havering	1,475	5	25	43	69	66	82	385	322	271	158	46	3	-
Barnet	1,691	3	8	31	40	60	78	460	465	307	178	56	5	-
Brent and Harrow	3,449	9	19	63	89	129	157	921	985	651	339	80	6	1
Camden and Islington	3,602	3	17	49	69	115	135	1,088	1,056	664	317	75	14	-
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,268	17	21	63	104	133	162	1,185	1,222	812	428	109	11	1
East London and The City	5,051	20	38	109	168	168	238	1,347	1,364	970	499	118	11	1
North Essex	2,162	21	33	58	101	88	90	561	496	380	245	84	5	-
South Essex	2,197	14	38	64	109	112	104	566	486	406	229	63	6	-
Hillingdon	1,064	4	11	27	52	48	44	282	258	191	115	30	2	-
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,377	4	11	30	42	82	116	1,055	1,033	620	276	100	8	-
Enfield and Haringey	3,374	15	32	56	84	107	165	917	922	644	337	85	10	-
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,584	9	28	56	88	80	125	708	660	475	261	90	4	-
East and North Hertfordshire	1,330	6	17	39	54	82	58	329	297	258	138	47	4	1
West Hertfordshire	1,515	4	19	48	63	73	73	392	355	258	162	61	6	1

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Table 19 - continued

Area of usual residence	Total	Age												
		Under 15	15	16	17	18	19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
South Thames	28,313	145	299	710	1,025	1,192	1,276	7,536	7,026	5,257	2,868	900	75	4
Bexley and Greenwich	1,830	13	20	46	70	74	90	482	464	316	199	55	1	-
Bromley	1,034	3	10	21	43	52	58	267	224	186	130	37	3	-
Croydon	1,868	10	21	47	65	89	92	482	448	351	190	72	1	-
East Kent	1,334	11	28	56	72	78	95	342	255	223	118	53	3	-
West Kent	2,761	18	45	89	116	137	118	699	609	513	305	100	12	-
Kingston and Richmond	1,238	5	10	22	27	44	54	333	302	257	130	47	6	1
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,367	34	79	162	210	246	291	1,993	2,102	1,439	642	153	13	3
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,497	14	16	76	112	114	130	931	1,024	650	332	94	4	-
East Surrey	1,143	5	6	29	48	54	52	271	260	226	139	48	5	-
West Surrey	1,936	7	18	45	59	76	82	538	428	348	245	81	9	-
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,278	13	25	50	105	121	113	683	488	377	225	70	8	-
West Sussex	2,027	12	21	67	98	107	101	515	422	371	213	90	10	-
South and West	15,990	114	262	546	764	922	916	4,358	3,374	2,568	1,595	524	47	-
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	987	4	13	41	58	61	60	244	214	151	91	46	4	-
Dorset	1,715	10	25	70	76	89	99	448	413	262	162	55	6	-
North and East Devon	1,046	12	12	32	47	69	60	306	201	157	107	41	2	-
Gloucestershire	1,497	12	21	57	74	93	88	391	314	223	169	51	4	-
North and Mid Hampshire	1,273	9	15	37	52	67	67	319	274	244	131	54	4	-
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,546	6	34	48	76	79	88	428	324	273	155	32	3	-
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,522	8	19	47	75	81	103	459	289	257	126	52	6	-
Isle of Wight	231	3	6	11	16	19	7	57	40	42	22	8	-	-
Somerset	1,008	10	19	40	53	52	53	262	208	170	106	31	4	-
South and West Devon	1,404	15	35	55	65	86	88	402	294	208	114	38	4	-
Wiltshire	1,405	12	24	53	61	86	76	360	289	229	161	50	4	-
Avon	2,356	13	39	55	111	140	127	682	514	352	251	66	6	-
West Midlands	17,027	118	327	598	754	895	915	4,642	3,821	2,756	1,654	500	45	2
Birmingham	4,371	20	54	128	157	199	235	1,204	1,065	752	426	118	11	2
Coventry	1,409	6	17	48	62	76	94	428	301	211	119	41	6	-
Dudley	961	11	23	50	44	50	44	252	227	141	84	31	4	-
Herefordshire	354	4	7	11	27	22	18	97	52	62	37	15	2	-
Sandwell	1,082	5	24	46	42	52	55	299	257	184	80	36	2	-
Shropshire	1,022	10	21	28	49	37	48	270	224	189	101	43	2	-
Solihull	607	5	17	22	27	33	31	160	143	81	63	24	1	-
North Staffordshire	1,147	13	30	42	63	73	69	324	228	166	120	18	1	-
South Staffordshire	1,480	7	42	67	81	80	84	361	336	223	152	41	6	-
Walsall	760	12	18	25	35	48	33	202	158	132	81	15	1	-
Warwickshire	1,593	10	32	54	67	86	89	425	349	252	171	52	6	-
Wolverhampton	942	8	22	29	40	61	45	292	199	142	80	23	1	-
Worcestershire	1,299	7	20	48	60	78	70	328	282	221	140	43	2	-
North West	18,925	130	331	725	938	1,050	998	5,487	4,148	2,916	1,654	515	32	1
Bury and Rochdale	1,076	10	22	53	49	45	39	283	238	203	99	34	1	-
North Cheshire	969	7	24	53	52	66	62	264	203	128	85	25	-	-
South Cheshire	1,694	9	26	72	91	117	84	463	325	294	158	54	1	-
East Lancashire	1,342	15	29	48	68	81	67	337	310	224	110	48	4	1
North West Lancashire	1,295	14	16	45	72	68	76	363	314	182	106	38	1	-
South Lancashire	707	3	9	30	36	52	36	186	148	113	73	20	1	-
Liverpool	1,822	5	22	60	84	85	100	612	390	286	144	33	1	-
Manchester	1,716	12	28	39	68	82	96	582	400	249	121	33	6	-
Morecambe Bay	645	9	22	21	29	41	42	195	130	87	49	18	2	-
St Helens and Knowsley	957	6	17	39	48	62	48	275	197	134	103	27	1	-
Salford and Trafford	1,251	9	22	43	54	54	56	367	291	201	113	38	3	-
Sefton	735	2	12	27	30	45	29	222	168	109	72	19	-	-
Stockport	879	2	13	26	38	53	46	254	186	147	84	29	1	-
West Pennine	1,300	13	34	81	60	64	60	349	309	181	108	38	3	-
Wigan and Bolton	1,547	12	20	58	96	84	89	442	352	221	141	29	3	-
Wirral	990	2	15	30	63	51	68	293	187	157	88	32	4	-
Wales	7,287	75	167	298	347	429	405	2,097	1,569	1,043	636	210	11	-
Gwent	1,231	16	33	53	61	69	69	325	286	170	106	40	3	-
Bro Taf	1,914	20	43	61	80	95	111	569	458	253	169	55	-	-
Dyfed Powys	1,012	5	16	43	55	58	49	293	199	151	104	37	2	-
North Wales	1,796	20	35	74	91	119	92	521	365	272	159	43	5	-
Morgannwg	1,334	14	40	67	60	88	84	389	261	197	98	35	1	-

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Table 20 Legal abortions - numbers: area of usual residence by gestation weeks and parity, 1996

England and Wales Residents

Area of usual residence	Total	Gestation weeks					Parity			
		Under 9	9-12	13-16	17 and over	Not stated	0	1-3	4 and over	Not stated
England and Wales	167,916	67,091	81,728	13,292	5,804	1	90,206	71,208	6,253	249
England	160,629	64,766	77,741	12,562	5,559	1	86,492	67,887	6,005	245
Wales	7,287	2,325	3,987	730	245	-	3,714	3,321	248	4
Regional Offices and Health Authorities										
Northern and Yorkshire	16,170	5,921	8,434	1,265	550	-	8,224	7,332	589	25
Bradford	1,210	292	737	128	53	-	568	562	78	2
County Durham	1,392	515	743	106	28	-	681	659	49	3
East Riding	1,672	587	930	116	39	-	855	745	70	2
Gateshead and South Tyneside	802	273	432	58	39	-	399	374	29	-
Leeds	2,115	583	1,255	194	83	-	1,182	847	84	2
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,383	477	729	118	59	-	739	603	37	4
North Cumbria	747	371	294	59	23	-	363	363	21	-
Northumberland	662	402	215	22	23	-	310	322	29	1
Sunderland	828	284	441	75	28	-	407	397	24	-
Tees	1,388	733	504	123	28	-	687	654	44	3
Wakefield	763	235	447	57	24	-	382	354	24	3
North Yorkshire	1,658	610	906	94	48	-	929	690	35	4
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,550	559	801	115	75	-	722	762	65	1
Trent	12,917	4,679	7,002	903	333	-	6,659	5,747	485	26
Barnsley	399	140	206	44	9	-	188	198	11	2
North Derbyshire	814	454	280	52	28	-	440	342	32	-
South Derbyshire	1,412	525	755	82	50	-	731	615	62	4
Doncaster	867	334	473	47	13	-	402	414	48	3
Leicestershire	2,501	1,153	1,182	116	50	-	1,346	1,052	98	5
Lincolnshire	1,242	386	769	55	32	-	667	528	44	3
North Nottinghamshire	838	270	455	87	26	-	391	427	20	-
Nottingham	1,802	508	1,166	89	39	-	997	750	51	4
Rotherham	664	151	417	78	18	-	317	317	29	1
Sheffield	1,553	538	824	152	39	-	804	680	66	3
South Humber	825	220	475	101	29	-	376	424	24	1
Anglia and Oxford	14,148	6,090	6,683	826	549	-	7,719	5,889	518	22
Bedfordshire	1,736	793	761	108	74	-	900	749	83	4
Berkshire	2,533	1,312	949	181	91	-	1,515	916	100	2
Buckinghamshire	1,942	838	889	140	75	-	1,061	800	73	8
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,108	454	592	38	24	-	650	421	35	2
East Norfolk	1,299	584	616	56	43	-	668	602	28	1
Northamptonshire	1,638	638	842	82	76	-	841	736	59	2
North West Anglia	872	206	552	66	48	-	410	427	35	-
Oxfordshire	1,694	752	777	93	72	-	1,011	634	48	1
Suffolk	1,326	513	705	62	46	-	663	604	57	2
North Thames	37,139	16,262	16,781	2,817	1,279	-	21,216	14,458	1,419	46
Barking and Havering	1,475	481	853	99	42	-	714	698	62	1
Barnet	1,691	1,009	576	60	46	-	1,006	639	42	4
Brent and Harrow	3,449	2,023	1,108	215	103	-	2,066	1,244	139	-
Camden and Islington	3,602	1,693	1,574	238	97	-	2,314	1,171	116	1
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,268	1,676	1,890	465	237	-	2,605	1,529	134	-
East London and The City	5,051	1,527	2,828	538	158	-	2,493	2,202	350	6
North Essex	2,162	834	1,116	146	66	-	1,167	925	66	4
South Essex	2,197	860	1,176	109	52	-	1,085	1,027	82	3
Hillingdon	1,064	400	543	81	40	-	571	447	45	1
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,377	1,822	1,233	226	96	-	2,484	818	64	11
Enfield and Haringey	3,374	1,518	1,420	294	142	-	1,833	1,421	119	1
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,584	1,107	1,200	184	93	-	1,315	1,164	97	8
East and North Hertfordshire	1,330	645	554	83	48	-	673	595	59	3
West Hertfordshire	1,515	667	710	79	59	-	890	578	44	3

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Area of usual residence	Total	Gestation weeks					Parity			
		Under 9	9-12	13-16	17 and over	Not stated	0	1-3	4 and over	Not stated
South Thames	28,313	12,203	12,590	2,528	991	1	15,870	11,485	923	35
Bexley and Greenwich	1,830	613	1,049	109	59	-	984	762	81	3
Bromley	1,034	414	504	85	31	-	587	421	26	-
Croydon	1,868	1,261	420	129	58	-	922	880	66	-
East Kent	1,334	550	620	93	71	-	701	581	51	1
West Kent	2,761	1,204	1,196	257	104	-	1,361	1,288	112	-
Kingston and Richmond	1,238	657	506	48	27	-	826	393	18	1
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,367	2,514	3,454	1,038	360	1	4,033	3,035	291	8
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,497	1,642	1,507	254	94	-	2,134	1,267	82	14
East Surrey	1,143	442	597	75	29	-	673	438	29	3
West Surrey	1,936	1,097	667	122	50	-	1,148	737	48	3
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,278	995	1,062	159	62	-	1,357	863	57	1
West Sussex	2,027	814	1,008	159	46	-	1,144	820	62	1
South and West	15,990	5,132	8,950	1,275	633	-	8,866	6,578	515	31
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	987	135	749	60	43	-	545	409	32	1
Dorset	1,715	546	972	125	72	-	1,023	644	46	2
North and East Devon	1,046	433	523	65	25	-	594	425	26	1
Gloucestershire	1,497	452	858	114	73	-	843	608	46	-
North and Mid Hampshire	1,273	610	532	90	41	-	702	532	37	2
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,546	445	886	132	83	-	801	684	55	6
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,522	575	762	136	49	-	839	627	55	1
Isle of Wight	231	75	124	26	6	-	120	104	7	-
Somerset	1,008	475	433	60	40	-	505	471	28	4
South and West Devon	1,404	267	1,038	70	29	-	781	573	49	1
Wiltshire	1,405	595	631	123	56	-	729	633	41	2
Avon	2,356	524	1,442	274	116	-	1,384	868	93	11
West Midlands	17,027	6,993	7,785	1,566	683	-	8,391	7,823	787	26
Birmingham	4,371	1,865	1,847	472	187	-	2,027	2,045	288	11
Coventry	1,409	564	677	111	57	-	678	682	49	-
Dudley	961	409	405	99	48	-	505	419	35	2
Herefordshire	354	146	180	20	8	-	189	148	17	-
Sandwell	1,082	374	478	160	70	-	447	565	67	3
Shropshire	1,022	442	466	88	26	-	507	480	35	-
Solihull	607	276	242	62	27	-	338	248	21	-
North Staffordshire	1,147	437	606	80	24	-	607	497	41	2
South Staffordshire	1,480	635	696	94	55	-	776	657	46	1
Walsall	760	177	488	68	27	-	347	375	36	2
Warwickshire	1,593	647	771	101	74	-	822	728	43	-
Wolverhampton	942	427	374	102	39	-	448	445	48	1
Worcestershire	1,299	594	555	109	41	-	700	534	61	4
North West	18,925	7,486	9,516	1,382	541	-	9,547	8,575	769	34
Bury and Rochdale	1,076	406	488	147	35	-	501	520	50	5
North Cheshire	969	357	494	100	18	-	504	430	34	1
South Cheshire	1,694	615	891	134	54	-	912	721	58	3
East Lancashire	1,342	486	717	103	36	-	590	661	90	1
North West Lancashire	1,295	618	508	118	51	-	672	584	38	1
South Lancashire	707	251	394	38	24	-	386	299	21	1
Liverpool	1,822	701	1,009	66	46	-	917	817	80	8
Manchester	1,716	625	882	149	60	-	919	701	94	2
Morecambe Bay	645	217	375	35	18	-	364	264	11	6
St Helens and Knowsley	957	339	533	59	26	-	425	483	48	1
Salford and Trafford	1,251	536	599	81	35	-	635	573	41	2
Sefton	735	334	356	30	15	-	377	328	29	1
Stockport	879	441	379	47	12	-	451	395	32	1
West Pennine	1,300	567	618	87	28	-	638	612	50	-
Wigan and Bolton	1,547	606	753	125	63	-	767	731	48	1
Wirral	990	387	520	63	20	-	489	456	45	-
Wales	7,287	2,325	3,987	730	245	-	3,714	3,321	248	4
Gwent	1,231	446	614	111	60	-	595	589	47	-
Bro Taf	1,914	557	1,088	218	51	-	978	869	66	1
Dyfed Powys	1,012	399	501	84	28	-	533	443	36	-
North Wales	1,796	562	1,008	175	51	-	945	781	68	2
Morgannwg	1,334	361	776	142	55	-	663	639	31	1

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Table 21 Legal abortions - numbers: area of usual residence (Regional offices and HAs) by area of termination and purchaser, 1996

England and Wales Residents

Place of usual residence	Total	Health authority of termination					
		Home HA			Other HA		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
England and Wales	167,916	77,491	8,668	8,215	10,919	24,587	38,036
England	160,629	73,542	8,668	8,200	10,296	22,981	36,942
Wales	7,287	3,949	-	15	623	1,606	1,094
Northern and Yorkshire	16,170	10,698	178	48	2,056	1,508	1,682
Bradford	1,210	221	-	3	675	120	191
County Durham	1,392	969	-	-	313	37	73
East Riding	1,672	1,314	-	6	47	85	220
Gateshead and South Tyneside	802	526	-	-	174	31	71
Leeds	2,115	1,543	178	9	36	40	309
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,383	1,227	-	9	42	25	80
North Cumbria	747	698	-	-	19	1	29
Northumberland	662	552	-	-	77	6	27
Sunderland	828	717	-	8	33	23	47
Tees	1,388	1,308	-	-	8	24	48
Wakefield	763	347	-	-	92	200	124
North Yorkshire	1,658	996	-	13	290	148	211
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,550	280	-	-	250	768	252
Trent	12,917	9,521	13	162	1,146	295	1,780
Barnsley	399	164	-	-	103	26	106
North Derbyshire	814	503	-	-	125	75	111
Southern Derbyshire	1,412	896	-	-	269	15	232
Doncaster	867	706	13	97	39	3	9
Leicestershire	2,501	1,739	-	13	198	75	476
Lincolnshire	1,242	976	-	24	123	14	105
North Nottinghamshire	838	603	-	-	85	15	135
Nottingham	1,802	1,438	-	28	41	26	269
Rotherham	664	508	-	-	85	9	62
Sheffield	1,553	1,302	-	-	27	34	190
South Humber	825	686	-	-	51	3	85
Anglia and Oxford	14,148	8,436	-	93	787	1,744	3,088
Bedfordshire	1,736	1,093	-	-	125	192	326
Berkshire	2,533	751	-	-	54	477	1,251
Buckinghamshire	1,942	452	-	-	79	856	555
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,108	967	-	6	32	6	97
East Norfolk	1,299	1,160	-	24	54	7	54
Northamptonshire	1,638	1,113	-	4	103	79	339
North West Anglia	872	540	-	40	63	85	144
Oxfordshire	1,694	1,421	-	12	53	28	180
Suffolk	1,326	939	-	7	224	14	142
North Thames	37,139	14,683	1,738	1,960	1,738	4,528	12,492
Barking and Havering	1,475	636	-	-	167	52	620
Barnet	1,691	772	-	5	179	68	667
Brent and Harrow	3,449	15	-	4	73	2,300	1,057
Camden and Islington	3,602	1,947	-	-	53	430	1,172
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,268	746	667	754	190	646	1,265
East London and The City	5,051	3,449	-	-	79	54	1,469
North Essex	2,162	1,208	30	671	127	20	106
South Essex	2,197	1,318	-	-	104	59	716
Hillingdon	1,064	337	-	-	20	306	401
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,377	1,587	-	148	186	163	1,293
Enfield and Haringey	3,374	1,098	1,041	296	45	46	848
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,584	557	-	73	109	210	1,635
East and North Hertfordshire	1,330	492	-	1	211	67	559
West Hertfordshire	1,515	521	-	8	195	107	684

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Table 21 - continued

Place of usual residence	Total	Health authority of termination					
		Home HA			Other HA		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS	NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
South Thames	28,313	10,144	2,097	3,287	853	5,141	6,791
Bexley and Greenwich	1,830	1,067	-	-	54	86	623
Bromley	1,034	504	-	-	38	115	377
Croydon	1,868	1	-	-	19	1,322	526
East Kent	1,334	839	-	19	5	153	318
West Kent	2,761	569	-	59	35	1,309	789
Kingston and Richmond	1,238	454	14	373	221	5	171
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,367	2,660	1,720	1,842	106	513	526
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,497	1,652	-	-	110	332	1,403
East Surrey	1,143	558	-	-	150	59	376
West Surrey	1,936	255	-	2	24	919	736
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,278	806	363	992	49	16	52
West Sussex	2,027	779	-	-	42	312	894
South and West	15,990	8,956	242	798	1,023	2,280	2,691
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	987	471	-	61	328	72	55
Dorset	1,715	763	242	594	72	18	26
North and East Devon	1,046	946	-	9	25	13	53
Gloucestershire	1,497	1,181	-	-	39	104	173
North and Mid Hampshire	1,273	114	-	1	179	276	703
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,546	1,253	-	-	15	111	167
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,522	375	-	5	68	745	329
Isle of Wight	231	146	-	-	-	49	36
Somerset	1,008	784	-	2	69	54	99
South and West Devon	1,404	1,197	-	26	57	59	65
Wiltshire	1,405	138	-	-	158	547	562
Avon	2,356	1,588	-	100	13	232	423
West Midlands	17,027	2,807	4,184	1,267	482	4,729	3,558
Birmingham	4,371	73	2,886	1,214	35	94	69
Coventry	1,409	11	-	-	3	1,334	61
Dudley	961	5	-	-	2	590	364
Herefordshire	354	272	-	6	9	9	58
Sandwell	1,082	18	-	-	14	753	297
Shropshire	1,022	128	-	-	47	535	312
Solihull	607	30	-	-	37	200	340
North Staffordshire	1,147	771	-	-	16	25	335
South Staffordshire	1,480	570	-	-	263	94	553
Walsall	760	523	-	-	7	14	216
Warwickshire	1,593	37	1,298	47	33	127	51
Wolverhampton	942	20	-	-	5	425	492
Worcestershire	1,299	349	-	-	11	529	410
North West	18,925	8,297	216	585	2,211	2,756	4,860
Bury and Rochdale	1,076	447	-	1	160	97	371
North Cheshire	969	9	-	1	27	800	132
South Cheshire	1,694	547	-	-	67	811	269
East Lancashire	1,342	1,095	-	7	81	3	156
North West Lancashire	1,295	88	-	-	24	355	828
South Lancashire	707	230	-	-	169	28	280
Liverpool	1,822	1,412	48	290	6	14	52
Manchester	1,716	921	-	-	85	123	587
Morecambe Bay	645	507	-	-	2	20	116
St Helens and Knowsley	957	12	-	-	692	28	225
Salford and Trafford	1,251	492	-	-	170	80	509
Sefton	735	136	-	-	392	26	181
Stockport	879	377	168	284	23	7	20
West Pennine	1,300	512	-	-	223	95	470
Wigan and Bolton	1,547	845	-	-	79	90	533
Wirral	990	667	-	2	11	179	131
Wales	7,287	3,949	-	15	623	1,606	1,094
Gwent	1,231	426	-	-	79	553	173
Bro Taf	1,914	1,305	-	14	81	62	452
Dyfed Powys	1,012	521	-	-	395	12	84
North Wales	1,796	483	-	1	38	971	303
Morgannwg	1,334	1,214	-	-	30	8	82

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Table 22 Numbers of legal abortions associated with rubella (disease, contact or immunisation)* by annual occurrence, 1983-1996 **England and Wales**
Residents

Year	England and Wales	England	Wales
Total			
1983	310	279	31
1984	235	219	16
1985	106	103	3
1986	140	136	4
1987	106	96	10
1988	55	50	5
1989	42	39	3
1990	19	19	-
1991	27	27	-
1992	10	10	-
1993	17	12	5
1994	7	7	-
1995	9	9	-
1996	9	8	1
Disease			
1983	188	165	23
1984	115	104	11
1985	57	56	1
1986	89	89	-
1987	65	59	6
1988	36	32	4
1989	10	9	1
1990	11	11	-
1991	10	10	-
1992	2	2	-
1993	11	7	4
1994	3	3	-
1995	3	3	-
1996	7	6	1
Contact			
1983	50	48	2
1984	27	26	1
1985	8	7	1
1986	21	19	2
1987	10	9	1
1988	8	8	-
1989	15	14	1
1990	3	3	-
1991	9	9	-
1992	-	-	-
1993	2	1	1
1994	1	1	-
1995	2	2	-
1996	2	2	-
Immunisation			
1983	72	66	6
1984	93	89	4
1985	41	40	1
1986	30	28	2
1987	31	28	3
1988	11	10	1
1989	17	16	1
1990	5	5	-
1991	8	8	-
1992	8	8	-
1993	4	4	-
1994	3	3	-
1995	4	4	-
1996	-	-	-

For the years 1983, 1989-1994 the figures have been revised to take account of duplicate record counts and to include valid records which were excluded in previously published data. The figures for the years 1984-1988 remain unchanged.

* For the years 1983-1994, ICD 9 codes to represent Rubella are: 056 and 771.0 = Rubella, disease; V01.4 = Rubella, contact; V04.3 = Rubella, immunisation; 647.5 = Rubella, complicating pregnancy, childbirth and the puerperium.

* For 1995-1996, ICD 10 codes to represent Rubella are: B069 = Rubella, disease; O353 = Rubella, contact; Z245 = Rubella, immunisation.

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Table 23 Legal abortions - numbers: principal medical condition by grounds, 1995 and 1996

England and Wales
Residents

ICD-10 no	Grounds	Condition	1995	1996
	Total	all abortions	154,315	167,916
	Grounds A or B alone or with C or D	Total	2,508	2,571
F00-F99	Mental and behavioural disorders		2,285	2,366
	Other conditions (a)(b)		223	205
	<i>C50</i>	<i>malignant neoplasm of female breast</i>	17	19
	<i>N18</i>	<i>chronic renal failure</i>	2	9
	<i>O10-O16</i>	<i>oedema hypertension etc</i>	9	15
	<i>O21</i>	<i>excessive vomiting in pregnancy</i>	15	6
	<i>O24</i>	<i>diabetes mellitus in pregnancy</i>	13	4
	<i>Z875</i>	<i>history of complications in pregnancy</i>	4	7
	Ground C alone or with D	Total	148,336	161,691
F00-F99	Mental and behavioural disorders		147,795	161,306
	Other conditions (a)(b)		541	385
	<i>C50</i>	<i>malignant neoplasm of female breast</i>	4	10
	<i>D25</i>	<i>leiomyoma of uterus</i>	5	2
	<i>D57</i>	<i>sickle cell disorders</i>	5	2
	<i>G35-G37</i>	<i>multiple sclerosis etc</i>	11	4
	<i>G40-G41</i>	<i>epilepsy</i>	17	11
	<i>J45-J46</i>	<i>asthma</i>	7	2
	<i>O10-O16</i>	<i>oedema hypertension etc</i>	13	13
	<i>O21</i>	<i>excessive vomiting in pregnancy</i>	22	17
	<i>O24</i>	<i>diabetes mellitus in pregnancy</i>	19	12
	<i>Z875</i>	<i>history of complications in pregnancy</i>	6	5
	Ground D alone	Total	1,643	1,722
	Ground E alone or with any other	Total	1,828	1,929
Q00-Q89	Congenital malformations total		875	882
<i>Q00-Q07</i>		<i>the nervous system : total</i>	494	520
<i>Q000</i>		<i>anencephaly</i>	163	154
<i>Q001-Q002</i>		<i>craniorachischisis iniencephaly</i>	2	1
<i>Q01</i>		<i>encephalocele</i>	30	30
<i>Q02</i>		<i>microcephaly</i>	6	8
<i>Q03</i>		<i>hydrocephalus</i>	68	86
<i>Q04</i>		<i>other malformations of the brain</i>	46	45
<i>Q05</i>		<i>spina bifida</i>	143	152
<i>Q06-Q07</i>		<i>other</i>	36	44
<i>Q10-Q18</i>		<i>the eye, ear, face and neck</i>	7	6
<i>Q20-Q28</i>		<i>the cardiovascular system</i>	77	82
<i>Q30-Q34</i>		<i>the respiratory system</i>	5	10
<i>Q35-Q37</i>		<i>the lip and palate</i>	6	5
<i>Q38-Q45</i>		<i>the digestive system</i>	5	4
<i>Q50-Q56</i>		<i>the genital organs</i>	0	0
<i>Q60-Q64</i>		<i>the urinary system</i>	104	75
<i>Q65-Q79</i>		<i>the musculoskeletal system</i>	106	110
<i>Q80-Q85</i>		<i>the skin, breast integument phakomatoses</i>	4	1
<i>Q86-Q89</i>		<i>other</i>	67	69
Q90-Q99	Chromosomal abnormalities total		468	561
Q90		Down's syndrome	283	303
Q910-Q913		Edwards' syndrome	61	86
Q914-Q917		Patau's syndrome	30	41
Q92-Q99		other	94	131
	Other conditions total (b)		485	486
	<i>Z80-Z84</i>	<i>family history of heritable disorder</i>	91	107
	<i>Z20-Z22</i>	<i>exposure to communicable disease</i>	19	17
	<i>P00-P04</i>	<i>fetus affected by maternal factors</i>	62	99
	<i>P05-P08</i>	<i>fetal disorders related to gestation and growth</i>	15	6
	<i>P35-P37</i>	<i>fetus affected by congenital infectious disease</i>	2	6
	<i>P50-P56</i>	<i>haemorrhagic & haematological disorders of the fetus</i>	4	2
	<i>P832</i>	<i>hydrop fetalis not due to haemolytic disease</i>	31	22
	Grounds F or G	Total	0	3

(a) specific conditions are shown only where 5 or more cases were recorded either in 1995 or in 1996 or in both years

(b) includes cases where insufficient detail was available to allocate an ICD10 code; for grounds A/B there were 45 such cases in 1995 and 48 in 1996 for grounds C there were 306 cases in 1995 and 212 in 1996 and for grounds E 261 cases in 1995 and 227 in 1996

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Table 24a Legal abortions - numbers: (i) Country of usual residence*, (ii) Statutory grounds, (iii) gestation weeks, by age, 1996 **England and Wales**
Non-residents

	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All non-residents	9,579	46	107	1,515	3,249	2,191	1,297	790	336	47	1
(i) Country of usual residence											
British Isles	7,246	21	51	1,108	2,597	1,682	964	561	234	27	1
Scotland	329	-	6	51	83	73	65	36	13	2	-
Northern Ireland	1,573	14	20	250	508	386	219	132	40	4	-
Irish Republic	4,894	6	22	738	1,871	1,107	608	351	171	19	1
Isle of Man	160	-	2	32	44	36	27	15	2	2	-
Channel Islands	290	1	1	37	91	80	45	27	8	-	-
Other European*	1,926	24	49	381	558	378	258	173	86	19	-
Austria	28	2	-	-	5	7	6	5	3	-	-
Belgium	34	-	3	5	11	5	5	4	1	-	-
France	1,073	17	35	250	301	206	122	79	50	13	-
Germany	56	-	-	7	20	14	11	3	1	-	-
Italy	427	4	8	76	131	82	60	42	21	3	-
Malta	61	-	-	9	19	10	6	15	2	-	-
Poland	16	-	-	2	7	2	3	2	-	-	-
Portugal	75	-	2	17	13	15	13	13	1	1	-
Spain	66	1	-	8	18	15	13	5	6	-	-
Switzerland	38	-	-	2	14	8	10	2	1	1	-
Rest of World*	407	1	7	26	94	131	75	56	16	1	-
Australia	23	-	-	2	13	6	-	1	1	-	-
Other Arab States**	181	-	2	6	27	67	35	34	9	1	-
South Africa	50	-	2	6	16	9	8	6	3	-	-
United States of America	22	-	1	1	11	4	1	2	2	-	-
Zimbabwe	19	1	-	1	6	5	4	2	-	-	-
(ii) Statutory grounds											
Total	9,579	46	107	1,515	3,249	2,191	1,297	790	336	47	1
B (alone)	9	-	-	1	2	3	-	2	1	-	-
B (with C or D)	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
C (alone)	9,216	46	107	1,505	3,181	2,111	1,203	721	304	37	1
D (alone, or with C)	313	-	-	8	61	67	76	63	29	9	-
E (alone)	32	-	-	1	2	10	16	1	1	1	-
E (with A, B, C or D)	8	-	-	-	2	-	2	3	1	-	-
(iii) Gestation weeks											
Total	9,579	46	107	1,515	3,249	2,191	1,297	790	336	47	1
Under 9	2,941	6	13	315	943	752	465	304	129	14	-
9-12	3,473	8	28	480	1,215	838	489	289	112	13	1
13-14	730	2	9	160	275	153	73	38	18	2	-
15-16	787	4	13	181	271	150	84	47	31	6	-
17-18	555	9	9	123	183	96	77	37	17	4	-
19-20	417	9	9	101	147	84	39	17	6	5	-
21-22	409	7	14	101	127	70	34	41	14	1	-
23-24	257	1	12	54	87	45	30	17	9	2	-
25 and over	10	-	-	-	1	3	6	-	-	-	-

* Only countries where the number of terminations exceeds 10 are included.

** Other Arab States are Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates and Yemen.

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Table 24b Legal abortions - numbers: **England and Wales**
Non-residents
(i) procedure, (ii) complications, 1996

	Age groups										
	Total	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over	Not stated
All non-residents	9,579	46	107	1,515	3,249	2,191	1,297	790	336	47	1
(i) Procedures											
Hysterotomy (only)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)	6,479	11	40	874	2,218	1,580	931	565	235	24	1
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,883	16	36	356	663	371	227	146	55	13	-
D and E	1,118	17	30	269	332	222	120	73	45	10	-
Other surgical	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins (only)	6	-	-	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Prostaglandins with other agents	41	2	1	8	19	7	3	-	1	-	-
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	22	-	-	4	9	3	4	2	-	-	-
Other medical	27	-	-	2	5	7	10	3	-	-	-
(ii) Reported Complications*	11	-	-	1	1	3	2	2	1	1	-
Sepsis	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	5	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	-	-	-
Perforation	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
Other	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

* The figures represent the number of times each complication is reported (mentioned) rather than the number of operations.

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Table 24c Complications of legal abortions - numbers* and rates per 1,000 abortions: **England and Wales**
Non-residents
gestation by complication, 1996

Reported complication	All gestations	Total per 1,000 abortions	Gestation weeks							
			Under 13		13-19		20 and over		Not stated	
			Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions
Total	11	1.15	2	0.31	4	1.77	5	5.49	-	-
Sepsis	2	0.21	1	0.16	1	0.44	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	5	0.52	-	-	2	0.89	3	3.30	-	-
Perforation	3	0.31	-	-	1	0.44	2	2.20	-	-
Other	1	0.10	1	0.16	-	-	-	-	-	-

* The figures on type of complication (Sepsis, Haemorrhage, Perforation, and other) represent the number of times each complication is reported (mentioned) rather than the number of operations.
The corresponding information for residents can be found in table 13.

Annex 1

Comparison of table numbers between Abortion Statistics, 1996 and Abortion Statistics 1995.

1996 table number	1995 table number
23	-
24a	23a
24b	23b
24c	23c
1996 table number	1994 table number
23	23

Tables 1-22 remain unchanged

Appendices

Appendix A Derivation of data

The statistics presented in this publication are based on information in answer to the questions on the abortion notification form on the following lines:

1. Name and address of operating practitioner.
2. Name and address of place of termination.
3. Whether the patient was an NHS case terminated in an approved place under an agency agreement.
4. Name and address of woman having the termination.
5. Date of birth of woman.
6. Marital status of woman.
7. Parity (number of woman's previous live births, stillbirths, spontaneous miscarriages, legal terminations).
8. Date of admission to place of termination.
9. Date of termination.
10. Date of discharge from place of termination.
11. Whether the termination was a planned day case.
12. Gestation period and method of estimation.
13. Statutory grounds for terminating the pregnancy.
14. Medical condition of the woman, or the diagnosis or suspected medical condition of the fetus.
15. Statement of medical condition of the woman/fetus if pregnancy was terminated after it had exceeded its 24th week.
16. Whether a selective termination of a multiple pregnancy was performed.
17. Method used to carry out termination.
18. Complications prior to notification.
19. Whether a sterilisation operation was performed.
20. In case of death, the date and cause.
21. Termination of pregnancy using antiprogestosterone with prostaglandin.

Appendix B

Summary of the information included in the tables, 1996

Table number	Age	Complications	HA of residence	HA of termination	Duration of stay	Gestation weeks	Marital status	Medical Grounds	Non-residents	Parity	Planned day cases	Previous abortion(s) under the Act	Procedure	Purchaser	Quarterly data	Rates	RO of residence	RO of termination	Rubella (termination associated with)	Serial data	Statutory grounds	Sterilisation
1									x					x	x	x				x		
2	x					x					x		x	x							x	
3a	x																					
3b	x									x												
4	x									x												
5	x									x												
6	x													x								
7					x	x								x								
8						x								x								
9														x							x	
10										x				x							x	
11										x											x	
12					x	x							x	x								
13		x				x																
14		x				x							x									
15a	x																					
15b	x															x						
16														x								
17						x				x		x	x	x							x	
18	x									x				x								x
19	x		x																			
20			x			x				x												
21			x	x†										x								
22																						
23								x														
24a	x					x			x												x	
24b	x	x							x				x									
24c		x				x			x								x					

† 'Home' / 'Other' HA

Appendix C

Provisional estimates of the resident population: (i) Marital status by age, 1995 (ii) Regional office area of usual residence by age, 1996							England and Wales, Wales <i>thousands</i>	
	14-15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45-49
(i) Age-group by marital status†								
Total	631.6	1151.9	1703.4	2001.9	2074.6	1810.6	1669.1	1828.2
Single	631.6	1139.1	1403.9	935.9	518.4	237.3	136.7	102.7
Married/separated	-	12.7	281.8	947.5	1332.8	1310.6	1257.8	1419.4
Divorced	-	0.1	17.3	116.4	218.3	252.8	256.0	265.7
Widowed	-	0.0	0.4	2.2	5.1	9.9	18.7	40.4
(ii) Age-group by regional office area of usual residence*								
England and Wales	624.3	1182.8	1622.0	1974.6	2102.8	1868.4	1675.3	1836.6
Wales	36.9	67.7	85.9	99.3	106.6	99.7	93.1	104.0
Northern and Yorkshire	78.0	149.0	200.0	226.6	249.4	228.2	205.1	225.0
Trent	60.8	114.1	159.8	190.3	201.1	181.5	164.0	179.9
Anglia & Oxford	65.9	122.7	169.1	211.9	215.4	192.9	178.1	196.8
North Thames	79.9	161.6	231.9	301.1	317.8	265.2	224.4	235.5
South Thames	77.3	148.8	207.7	274.7	296.4	254.2	220.7	241.6
South and West	77.4	143.9	194.9	230.9	246.6	228.4	213.1	238.4
West Midlands	65.6	123.2	164.1	197.7	206.8	183.9	168.4	184.2
North West	82.5	151.9	208.5	242.3	262.7	234.3	208.4	231.2

† Marital status figures are provisional for mid-year 1995. No account has been taken yet of statements about marital status made in the 1991 Census of Population.

* The resident population estimates for regional offices are based on the 1991 Census results.