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Introduction

Abortion statistics 1997 presents statistics relating to legally induced abortions within England and Wales during 1997. 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 23 for the years 1974 to 1996.

For Scotland - annually in the *Scottish Health Statistics* (1997 abortions data in 1998 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 1997. 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 1997 there were 10. 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.

Data included in the tables

The figures in the main tables are derived from the notifications received (during 1997 and up to the end of July 1998) relating to legally induced abortions which took place in England and Wales in 1997. The number of abortions performed in 1997 has been updated since the publication of the ONS monitors AB 98/3 and AB 98/4.

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 1997 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 in 1997 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. Medical condition(s) are classified by *International Statistical Classification of Diseases and Related Health Problems (10th Revision, 1992)*. **Table 23** of this volume shows 1997 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

From 1999 we plan to include quarterly and provisional annual figures in a new ONS QUARTERLY publication called 'Health Statistics Quarterly'. The first issue of this publication is scheduled for February 1999 and will contain the September quarter statistics. These are for sale by annual subscription or by standing order from the address below or could be purchased directly from the Stationery Office bookshops (addresses on the back cover of this volume).

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Commentary

Summary

During 1997 a total of 179,746 abortions were notified as being performed in England and Wales, an increase of 2,251 (1.3 per cent) compared with 1996. The number of abortions performed on resident women increased by 2,229 to 170,145 an increase of 1.3 per cent compared with 1996. The overall abortion rate increased by 2 per cent from 13.03 in 1996 to 13.28 in 1997. This increase was shown in all the age groups except for the under 16 age group. The increase was highest in the 45 and over (22 per cent) age group.

Abortions to non-resident women increased by 22 to 9,601 in 1997, an increase of 0.2 per cent compared with 1996,

Numbers and rates

Between the introduction of the Abortion Act in April 1968 and the end of 1997 about 4.6 million abortions were 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 1968-1997. 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. In each of the following 2 years 1996-97 there has been a rise in the number of abortions for both residents and non-residents of England and Wales.

The number performed on residents rose from 168 thousand in 1996 to 170 thousand in 1997 (a rise of 1.3 per cent). In comparison the number of abortions performed on non-residents rose from 9,579 in 1996 to 9,601 in 1997 (a rise of only 0.2 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.

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 6 years reaching 13.0 in 1996 and increased to 13.3 in 1997.

Figure 1 Number of abortions, England and Wales, 1968-97

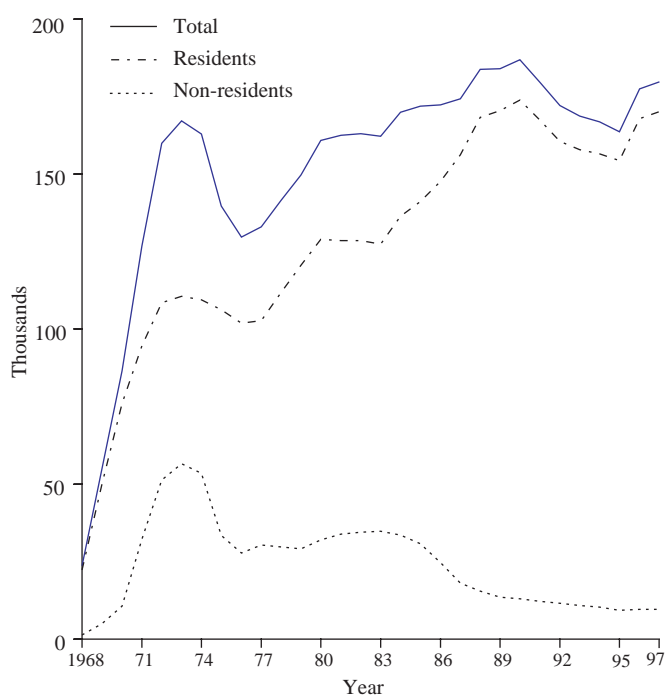
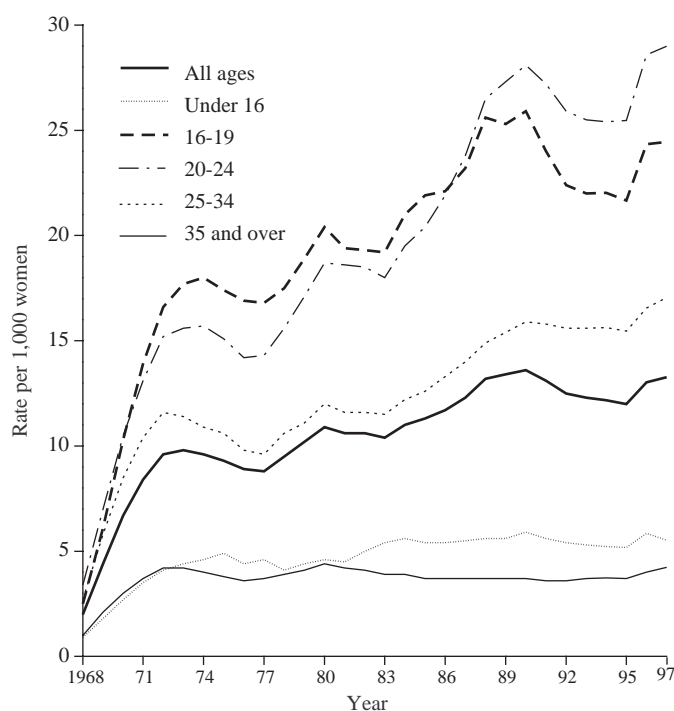


Figure 2 Age-specific abortion rates, residents of England and Wales, 1968-97



A comparison of the 1990 and 1997 abortion rates shows a decrease in the rate among women aged 15-19 (a fall of 8 per cent) and no change in rate for those aged 45 and over.

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 1991, the number of abortions would have risen by 12 per cent (10.6 thousand) and if they continued to persist in 1997, then the number of abortions would have risen by 15 per cent (10.9 thousand). This would simply be 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 1997. Married women comprised 44 per cent of all abortions in 1971 and 20 per cent in 1997. 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 1997, 44 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 47 per cent in 1997. 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 27 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 1997, 89 per cent of abortions were performed at less than 13 weeks gestation, compared with 75 per cent in 1971. Between 1971 and 1997 the proportion of abortions performed under 9 weeks gestation more than doubled, whereas the proportion performed between 13 and 19 weeks has more than halved. In 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 1970-97

	England and Wales Rates per 1,000 women									
	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
All ages	6.7	9.3	10.9	11.3	13.6	12.3	12.2	12.0	13.0	13.3
Under 15	1.6	2.3	2.4	2.7	3.1	3.2	3.4	3.0	3.6	3.3
15	3.9	7.5	6.8	8.1	8.6	7.6	7.1	7.3	8.1	7.8
16-19	10.3	17.4	20.4	21.9	25.9	22.0	22.0	21.7	24.3	24.5
20-24	10.5	15.1	18.7	20.4	28.2	25.5	25.4	25.5	28.6	29.0
25-29	8.7	11.0	13.4	14.6	18.8	18.4	18.6	18.6	19.9	20.8
30-34	8.2	10.0	10.7	10.4	12.5	12.6	12.6	12.4	13.4	13.7
35-39	6.5	7.8	8.5	7.0	7.8	8.1	8.0	7.9	8.6	8.8
40-44	2.8	3.6	3.8	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.0	3.2
45 and over	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3

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 1971-97

	England and Wales Residents									
Marital status	1971	1976	1981	1986	1991	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Single	46.8	49.9	54.5	63.0	65.8	65.8	65.5	66.3	67.9	68.4
Married	43.9	39.6	33.0	25.9	22.7	22.4	22.1	21.4	20.4	20.1
Divorced/Separated	8.3	9.5	10.7	9.7	9.1	9.2	8.5	8.0	6.7	6.8
Widowed	0.8	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	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	4.4
Total=100%	94,570	101,912	128,581	147,619	160,501	157,846	156,539	154,315	167,916	170,145

Table C Percentage distribution of abortions by gestation period 1971-97

England and Wales
Residents

Gestation weeks	1971	1976	1981	1986	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Under 9	16.6	24.8	31.0	33.4	36.8	39.2	40.5	41.9	40.0	41.2
9-12	57.9	55.8	53.4	53.8	51.8	49.7	48.4	47.3	48.7	47.9
13-14	13.2	9.1	7.2	5.6	5.1	5.0	5.1	4.8	5.0	4.7
15-16	5.5	3.7	3.4	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.7	2.8	2.9	2.7
17-19	3.1	2.2	2.9	2.9	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.0	2.2	2.1
20 and over	0.9	1.0	1.3	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2
Not stated	2.8	3.5	0.8	0.0	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	170,145

In 1997, a total of 74 abortions were carried out beyond 24 weeks in England and Wales. (The figure for 1994, 1995 and 1996 were 94, 74 and 107 respectively). **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 1997 **England and Wales**
Residents and Non-residents

Gestation weeks	Number of abortions		
	Total	Residents	Non-residents
25	10	10	0
26	22	20	2
27	6	6	0
28	4	3	1
29	7	7	0
30	3	1	2
31	5	3	2
32	2	1	1
33	2	0	2
34	5	5	0
35	4	4	0
36	3	3	0
37	1	1	0
Total numbers	74	64	10

Note. One of these terminations was carried out under grounds A and E, the remainder under ground E alone.

One of these abortions was carried out under grounds A and E. Ground A is *that the continuation of the pregnancy would involve risk to the life of the pregnant woman 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 the ARV for 1995, gives fuller detail than had been made available hitherto. The largest categories cited under ground E comprise malformations of the brain (33%) and chromosomal disorders (16%). 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
Congenital malformations of the nervous system		
anencephaly	Q000	1
encephalocele	Q01	0
microcephaly	Q02	1
congenital hydrocephalus	Q03	15
other malformations of the brain	Q04	8
spina bifida	Q05	3
other malformations	Q06-Q07	3
the eye, ear, face and neck	Q10-Q18	0
the cardiovascular system	Q20-Q28	7
the respiratory system	Q30-Q34	0
the lip and palate	Q35-Q37	0
the digestive system	Q38-Q45	0
the genital organs	Q50-Q56	0
the urinary system	Q60-Q64	7
the musculoskeletal system	Q65-Q79	8
Other congenital malformations		
congenital malformations due to exogenous causes	Q86	0
other specified malformation syndromes	Q87	1
other congenital malformations	Q89	3
Chromosomal abnormalities		
Down's Syndrome	Q90	5
Edward's Syndrome	Q91.3	5
Patau's Syndrome	Q91.7	1
Not elsewhere classified	Q92-Q99	1
Genetic [heritable] disorders of metabolism		
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	3
Fetus affected by congenital infectious disease	P35-P37	1
Haemorrhagic and haematological disorders of the fetus	P50-P56	0
Hydrops fetalis not due to haemolytic disease	P83.2	1
Twin - twin transfusion syndrome	O43.0	1
	Total	74

Table E Percentage distribution of abortions by procedure, 1984-1997

**England and Wales
Residents**

Procedure	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Hysterotomy (only)	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Hysterectomy (only)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Vacuum aspiration (only)	75.9	74.4	75.3	74.8	79.4	83.4	84.8	83.7	83.8	84.1	83.6
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	15.5	16.8	16.6	17.4	13.2	8.4	6.1	6.8	6.2	6.0	5.8
D and E	1.8	1.8	1.6	2.1	2.7	3.1	3.3	2.9	2.7	2.3	2.6
Other surgical	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Prostaglandins (only)	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.4	2.1	1.8	1.4	1.1	0.8
Prostaglandins with other agents	3.0	2.8	2.3	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.5	0.5
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.5	3.6	5.0	5.8	6.6
Other medical	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other combined methods	1.2	1.3	1.5	1.5	0.9	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total abortions	156,191	168,298	170,463	173,900	167,376	160,501	157,846	156,539	154,315	167,916	170,145

Procedures for abortion

Table E shows the trend in the procedure used for abortion, for the period 1987 to 1997. Since 1987, 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 1997, 93 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, 66 per cent were carried out using vacuum aspiration (with or without D and E) and 8 per cent involved the use of prostaglandins (alone or with other agents). For abortions performed beyond 19 weeks gestation, 28 per cent involved the use of prostaglandins (alone or with other agents) and 33 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^{1,2}. 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 gestation³. 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 defined³. 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 antiprogestosterone drug Mifepristone were included in the procedure category 'prostaglandins with other agents'. Since 1992, such abortions have been identified in their own separate category 'antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin'. **Table E** shows that there has been a continued rise in the use of Mifepristone to terminate

pregnancies. In 1997, the number of abortions using this procedure was 11,316; a 16 per cent rise compared with 1996. The proportion of pregnancies terminated by this medical procedure, however, remains relatively small, accounting for 6.6 per cent of all terminations performed in 1997.

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 53 selective terminations in 1997 (0.03 per cent of all terminations performed) compared with 59 in 1996. In 1997, 38 per cent of selective terminations were performed where the number of original fetuses was reduced by one, and 62 per cent were performed where the number was reduced by two. Of the 53 selective terminations, 28 terminations (53 per cent) were performed under ground C and the remainder were performed under ground E. Within ground E, there were 8 cases with mention of nervous system anomalies (32 per cent) and 1 case (4 per cent) of Down's syndrome.

Complications

There were 518 reported complications of legal terminations. In 18 cases there were 2 reported complications and in one case there were 3 reported complications. Of the 252 reported mentions of haemorrhage, 95 per cent were vaginal in origin; of the 132 mentions of uterine perforation, 80 per cent were uterine in origin; and there were 63 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-residents. By 1971, however, this had increased to 25 per cent,

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	1997
Total abortions	126,777	129,673	162,480	172,286	179,522	168,714	166,876	163,638	177,495	179,746
Total non-residents	32,207	27,761	33,899	24,667	12,146	10,868	10,337	9,323	9,579	9,601
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	5.3
British Isles	1,965	4,249	6,497	6,959	7,294	7,012	7,123	6,768	7,246	7,540
Scotland	524	950	998	751	712	441	363	291	329	322
Northern Ireland	648	1,142	1,441	1,724	1,775	1,629	1,678	1,548	1,573	1,572
Irish Republic	578	1,821	3,603	3,918	4,154	4,402	4,590	4,532	4,894	5,340
Channel Islands and Isle of Man	215	336	455	566	653	540	492	397	450	306
Other European	N/A	22,796	26,260	16,483	4,165	3,060	2,467	2,054	1,926	1,708
of which:										
Austria	N/A	91	58	59	31	29	33	27	28	16
Belgium and Luxembourg	2,111	390	153	47	45	23	31	32	37	31
France	11,986	4,568	4,100	3,369	2,486	1,706	1,390	1,113	1,073	887
Italy	N/A	8,211	642	664	658	648	598	517	427	433
Spain	N/A	6,397	20,454	11,935	604	317	127	86	66	52
Switzerland	389	308	153	64	58	41	29	26	38	23
Germany*	13,560	2,384	514	142	109	99	75	62	56	74
Rest of World	N/A	716	1,142	1,225	687	796	747	501	407	351
of which:										
South Africa	N/A	N/A	511	517	265	377	285	120	50	9
United States of America	187	105	90	87	49	42	52	29	22	19

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.

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 fell sharply from 1974 to 1976. 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 1997 only 9,601 (5 per cent of all terminations) were performed on non-resident women. More detailed figures for the period 1971-1997 are given in **Table F**.

Residents of the British Isles

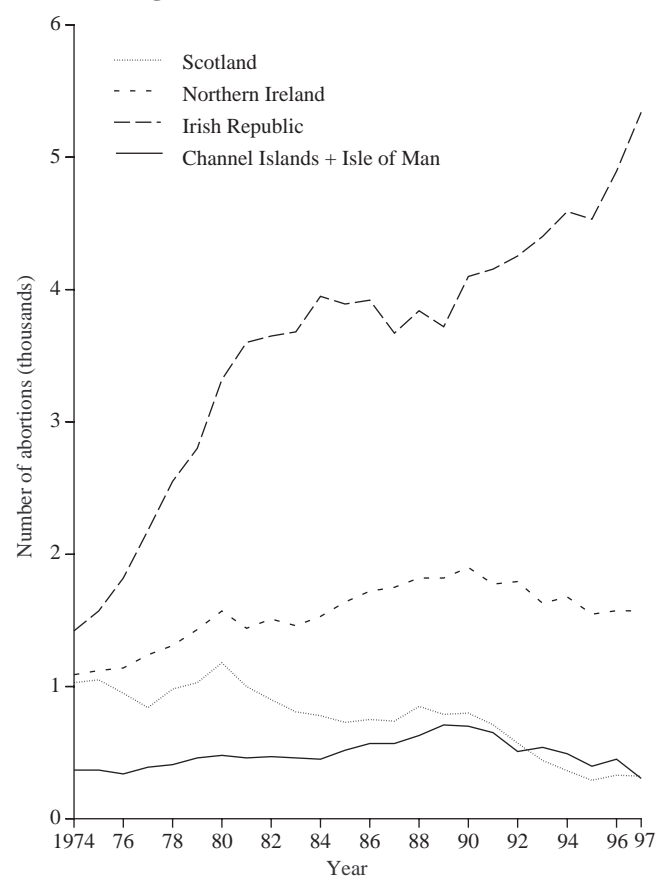
The Abortion Act 1967 applies to Scotland as well as England and Wales. From a peak in 1980, the number of abortions performed in England and Wales on women usually resident in Scotland has fallen by 73 per cent (322 in 1997) (see **Figure 3**).

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 1997 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 Republic⁴. 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 5,340 in 1997.

Figure 3 Abortions to non-resident women from elsewhere in the British Isles, England and Wales, 1974-97



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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 1997

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 agency	Non-NHS	Total	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
1997	179,746	46,150	45,218	45,102	43,276	170,145	86,414	37,472	46,259	9,601	91	9,510	13.28

* Before 1981 the figures are based on notifications received and do not sum to total occurrences. 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, 1997 England and Wales
Residents

	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
All legal abortions	170,145	1,020	2,414	29,947	44,960	40,159	28,892	16,858	5,413	482
(i) Purchaser										
NHS	86,414	657	1,510	17,253	23,318	19,325	13,638	7,881	2,604	228
NHS agency	37,472	257	654	8,062	10,208	8,334	5,680	3,204	986	87
Non-NHS	46,259	106	250	4,632	11,434	12,500	9,574	5,773	1,823	167
(ii) Statutory grounds										
A (alone or with B,C or D)	117	-	-	7	19	26	33	22	10	-
B (alone)	1,876	21	30	319	467	426	336	199	71	7
B (with C or D)	105	1	2	8	22	31	25	11	5	-
C (alone)	155,164	994	2,377	29,082	42,278	36,246	24,971	14,287	4,512	417
D (alone, or with C)	11,026	4	1	437	1,960	2,947	2,989	1,970	669	49
E (alone)	1,724	-	4	83	195	446	508	343	136	9
E (with A,B,C or D)	129	-	-	11	19	37	28	24	10	-
F or G	4	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-
(iii) Gestation weeks										
Under 9	70,178	345	743	9,751	17,779	17,802	13,240	7,779	2,509	230
9 - 12	81,489	492	1,218	15,774	22,178	18,573	13,030	7,621	2,403	200
13 - 19	16,369	140	389	3,928	4,511	3,351	2,292	1,266	443	49
20 and over	2,109	43	64	494	492	433	330	192	58	3
(iv) Procedure										
Hysterotomy (only)	32	-	-	-	3	5	12	9	3	-
Hysterectomy (only)	13	-	-	-	3	3	2	3	2	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)	142,212	791	1,911	24,352	37,461	33,913	24,388	14,370	4,611	415
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	9,830	63	161	1,968	2,654	2,239	1,512	901	304	28
D and E	4,383	59	96	1,001	1,239	889	627	349	118	5
Other surgical	3	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Prostaglandins (only)	1,392	18	20	268	304	295	265	160	54	8
Prostaglandins with other agents	774	17	28	225	190	129	101	62	21	1
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	11,301	72	195	2,102	3,075	2,637	1,925	980	294	21
Other medical	155	-	2	17	21	38	51	19	4	3
Combined methods	50	-	1	14	10	11	6	5	2	1
(v) Intended management										
Planned day cases	138,670	796	1,867	24,156	36,509	32,946	23,626	13,936	4,434	400
Not planned day cases	31,475	224	547	5,791	8,451	7,213	5,266	2,922	979	82

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Table 3a Legal abortions - numbers: marital status by age, 1997 **England and Wales**
Residents

Marital status	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Total	170,145	1,020	2,414	29,947	44,960	40,159	28,892	16,858	5,413	482
Single	116,425	1,020	2,414	28,540	39,051	26,799	12,630	4,827	1,049	95
Married	34,181	-	-	330	3,115	8,402	10,874	8,189	3,007	264
Separated	6,040	-	-	132	731	1,755	1,861	1,177	352	32
Divorced	5,550	-	-	12	246	1,131	1,814	1,654	634	59
Widowed	430	-	-	2	10	81	133	119	75	10
Not stated	7,519	-	-	931	1,807	1,991	1,580	892	296	22

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Table 3b Legal abortions - rates per 1,000 women: marital status by age, 1997 **England and Wales**
Residents

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*	13.28	15.68	3.29	7.79	24.47	29.02	20.75	13.69	8.76	3.18	0.28
Single	21.77	23.41	3.29	7.79	23.54	29.3	26.43	21.13	16.00	6.66	0.86
Ever married	6.19	7.86	-	-	41.11	18.97	12.34	9.7	6.86	2.64	0.22
Married/Separated	6.45	8.13	-	-	40.28	18.86	12.41	9.9	6.98	2.68	0.22
Divorced	4.8	6.24	-	-	196.72	20.41	11.23	8.18	6.08	2.32	0.21
Widowed	6.04	12.02	-	-	41.67	27.86	43.64	27.32	12.38	4.12	0.28

* 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 denominators are mid 1997 population estimates by marital status using information from the 1991 Census.

[≠] 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.

Table 4 Legal abortions - numbers: age, 1997 **England and Wales**
Residents

Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total	Age	Total
All ages	170,145								
Under 15	1,020	20-24	44,960	30-34	28,892	40-44	5,413	50	6
10	1	20	8,910	30	6,665	40	1,921	51	2
12	17	21	9,096	31	6,269	41	1,330	52	1
13	140	22	9,096	32	5,863	42	1,043	53	2
14	862	23	8,966	33	5,292	43	720	54	1
		24	8,892	34	4,803	44	399	55	1
15	2,414								
		25-29	40,159	35-39	16,858	45 and over	482		
16-19	29,947	25	8,809	35	4,373	45	255		
16	5,231	26	8,800	36	3,901	46	112		
17	7,427	27	7,792	37	3,412	47	57		
18	8,601	28	7,581	38	2,791	48	23		
19	8,688	29	7,177	39	2,381	49	22		

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**Table 5 Legal abortions - numbers:
previous live and still born children by age, 1997**

England and Wales
Residents

Age	Total	Previous live and still born children						
		0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated
All ages	170,145	91,177	29,775	29,764	12,714	4,304	2,055	356
Under 15	1,020	1,010	9	-	-	-	-	1
15	2,414	2,391	20	-	-	-	-	3
16-19	29,947	26,502	2,983	351	36	2	-	73
20-24	44,960	30,786	8,792	4,001	1,040	210	36	95
25-29	40,159	19,166	8,446	8,076	3,085	1,000	303	83
30-34	28,892	7,820	5,824	9,019	4,153	1,387	628	61
35-39	16,858	2,777	2,829	6,092	3,219	1,198	713	30
40-44	5,413	656	814	2,045	1,085	475	329	9
45 and over	482	69	58	180	96	32	46	1

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Table 6 Legal abortions - numbers: purchaser by gestation weeks and age, 1997 England and Wales
Residents

Purchaser	Gestation weeks	All ages	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
Total	Total	170,145	1,020	2,414	29,947	44,960	40,159	28,892	16,858	5,413	482
	Under 9	70,178	345	743	9,751	17,779	17,802	13,240	7,779	2,509	230
	9-12	81,489	492	1,218	15,774	22,178	18,573	13,030	7,621	2,403	200
	13-19	16,369	140	389	3,928	4,511	3,351	2,292	1,266	443	49
	20 and over	2,109	43	64	494	492	433	330	192	58	3
NHS	Total	86,414	657	1,510	17,253	23,318	19,325	13,638	7,881	2,604	228
	Under 9	27,354	218	484	5,187	7,347	6,233	4,409	2,556	853	67
	9-12	52,398	366	886	10,692	14,409	11,658	8,090	4,662	1,501	134
	13-19	5,966	67	136	1,315	1,465	1,258	942	536	220	27
	20 and over	696	6	4	59	97	176	197	127	30	-
NHS agency	Total	37,472	257	654	8,062	102,08	8,334	5,680	3,204	986	87
	Under 9	14,402	85	167	2,502	3,797	3,449	2,501	1,405	453	43
	9-12	15,811	95	252	3,474	4,326	3,537	2,339	1,374	388	26
	13-19	6,479	51	190	1,827	1,881	1,220	765	394	135	16
	20 and over	780	26	45	259	204	128	75	31	10	2
Non-NHS	Total	46,259	106	250	4,632	11,434	12,500	9,574	5,773	1,823	167
	Under 9	28,422	42	92	2,062	6,635	8,120	6,330	3,818	1,203	120
	9-12	13,280	31	80	1,608	3,443	3,378	2,601	1,585	514	40
	13-19	3,924	22	63	786	1,165	873	585	336	88	6
	20 and over	633	11	15	176	191	129	58	34	18	1

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Table 7 Legal abortions - numbers: purchaser by gestation weeks and duration of stay (nights), 1997 England and Wales
Residents

Purchaser	Total	Duration of stay (nights) [†]									Not stated	Not applicable [≠]
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7 and over			
Total												
Total	170,145	143,454	13,279	1,665	200	83	54	35	63	11	11,301	
Under 9	70,178	58,207	3,444	111	38	16	11	6	15	2	8,328	
9-12	81,489	76,763	3,403	211	55	18	17	10	19	3	990	
13-19	16,369	8,309	5,765	416	76	27	19	16	18	4	1,719	
20 and over	2,109	175	667	927	31	22	7	3	11	2	264	
NHS												
Total	86,414	72,932	2,183	683	180	80	51	33	53	9	10,210	
Under 9	27,354	19,661	261	92	31	14	9	6	13	1	7,266	
9-12	52,398	50,226	904	192	50	18	16	10	14	3	965	
13-19	5,966	2,933	859	308	73	27	19	14	15	3	1,715	
20 and over	696	112	159	91	26	21	7	3	11	2	264	
NHS agency												
Total	37,472	32,164	4,564	523	10	1	1	1	5	1	202	
Under 9	14,402	13,720	478	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	195	
9-12	15,811	14,883	905	10	4	-	-	-	3	-	6	
13-19	6,479	3,524	2,888	59	3	-	-	1	2	1	1	
20 and over	780	37	293	449	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Non-NHS												
Total	46,259	38,358	6,532	459	10	2	2	1	5	1	889	
Under 9	28,422	24,826	2,705	14	5	1	1	-	2	1	867	
9-12	13,280	11,654	1,594	9	1	-	1	-	2	-	19	
13-19	3,924	1,852	2,018	49	-	-	-	1	1	-	3	
20 and over	633	26	215	387	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	

[†] 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 8 Legal abortions - numbers: gestation weeks by purchaser, 1997

England and Wales
Residents

Gestation weeks	Total	Purchaser		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
Total	170,145	86,414	37,472	46,259
Under 9	70,178	27,354	14,402	28,422
9 - 12	81,489	52,398	15,811	13,280
13 - 14	8,062	3,673	2,761	1,628
15 - 16	4,674	1,329	2,066	1,279
17 - 18	2,796	705	1,332	759
19 - 20	1,415	508	503	404
21 - 22	1,066	286	437	343
23 - 24	399	95	160	144
25 and over	66	66	-	-

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Table 9 Legal abortions - numbers: statutory grounds (mentions) by purchaser, 1997

England and Wales
Residents

Statutory grounds (mentions)†	Total mentions	Purchaser		
		NHS	NHS agency	Non-NHS
All grounds (mentions)	180,079	90,877	40,164	49,038
A	125	112	4	9
B	1,988	1,832	33	123
C	165,026	81,853	37,338	45,835
D	11,083	5,309	2,767	3,007
E	1,853	1,767	22	64
F	2	2	-	-
G	2	2	-	-

† 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, 1997

England and Wales
Residents

Statutory grounds	Purchaser	Previous live and still born children							
		Total	0	1	2	3	4	5 and over	Not stated
All grounds	Total	170,145	91,177	29,775	29,764	12,714	4,304	2,055	356
	NHS	86,414	43,353	16,166	16,059	6,918	2,489	1,189	240
	NHS agency	37,472	19,531	6,920	6,449	2,946	1,030	549	47
	Non-NHS	46,259	28,293	6,689	7,256	2,850	785	317	69
A (alone or with B, C or D)	Total	117	46	23	23	16	2	5	2
	NHS	104	41	22	18	15	2	4	2
	NHS agency	4	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	9	3	-	4	1	-	1	-
B (alone)	Total	1,876	983	282	368	162	51	22	8
	NHS	1,727	890	268	340	152	48	22	7
	NHS agency	28	17	2	6	2	-	-	1
	Non-NHS	121	76	12	22	8	3	-	-
B (with C or D)	Total	105	33	22	34	12	3	-	1
	NHS	98	32	21	31	10	3	-	1
	NHS agency	5	1	1	2	1	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
C (alone)	Total	155,164	89,379	25,203	24,723	10,501	3,445	1,590	323
	NHS	77,452	41,704	13,571	13,370	5,708	1,958	930	211
	NHS agency	34,652	19,496	5,961	5,419	2,485	841	406	44
	Non-NHS	43,060	28,179	5,671	5,934	2,308	646	254	68
D (alone, or with C)	Total	11,026	44	3,622	4,302	1,891	752	410	5
	NHS	5,262	22	1,691	2,001	908	430	206	4
	NHS agency	2,761	10	948	1,016	454	189	143	1
	Non-NHS	3,003	12	983	1,285	529	133	61	-
E (alone)	Total	1,724	644	595	287	111	45	26	16
	NHS	1,674	629	573	278	109	45	26	14
	NHS agency	4	1	-	2	-	-	-	1
	Non-NHS	46	14	22	7	2	-	-	1
E (with A,B,C or D)	Total	129	47	27	25	21	6	2	1
	NHS	93	34	19	19	16	3	1	1
	NHS agency	18	4	7	3	4	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	18	9	1	3	1	3	1	-
F or G	Total	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
	NHS	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
	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, 1997

England and Wales
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	170,145	91,177	29,775	29,764	12,714	4,304	2,055	356
	Under 9	70,178	39,269	11,250	12,378	5,062	1,481	618	120
	9-12	81,489	42,058	14,729	14,730	6,358	2,299	1,127	188
	13-19	16,369	8,634	3,367	2,402	1,163	478	284	41
	20 and over	2,109	1,216	429	254	131	46	26	7
A (alone or with B, C or D)	Total	117	46	23	23	16	2	5	2
	Under 9	55	20	12	13	8	1	1	-
	9-12	45	16	10	10	6	-	2	1
	13-19	10	6	-	-	1	1	1	1
	20 and over	7	4	1	-	1	-	1	-
B (alone)	Total	1,876	983	282	368	162	51	22	8
	Under 9	602	331	79	123	52	9	4	4
	9-12	1,188	611	191	229	98	40	16	3
	13-19	81	40	10	16	10	2	2	1
	20 and over	5	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
B (with C or D)	Total	105	33	22	34	12	3	-	1
	Under 9	37	16	6	9	5	1	-	-
	9-12	58	14	11	24	6	2	-	1
	13-19	8	3	3	1	1	-	-	-
	20 and over	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
C (alone)	Total	155,164	89,379	25,203	24,723	10,501	3,445	1,590	323
	Under 9	65,192	38,853	9,836	10,449	4,222	1,227	492	113
	9-12	74,221	41,299	12,493	12,262	5,284	1,833	872	178
	13-19	14,373	8,266	2,691	1,887	919	365	213	32
	20 and over	1,378	961	183	125	76	20	13	-
D (alone, or with C)	Total	11,026	44	3,622	4,302	1,891	752	410	5
	Under 9	4,229	23	1,307	1,767	768	241	120	3
	9-12	5,680	16	1,924	2,146	944	417	231	2
	13-19	1,027	4	355	361	165	86	56	-
	20 and over	90	1	36	28	14	8	3	-
E (alone)	Total	1,724	644	595	287	111	45	26	16
	Under 9	32	16	6	8	2	-	-	-
	9-12	245	85	87	48	12	5	5	3
	13-19	835	299	299	133	64	22	12	6
	20 and over	612	244	203	98	33	18	9	7
E (with A, B, C or D)	Total	129	47	27	25	21	6	2	1
	Under 9	31	10	4	9	5	2	1	-
	9-12	51	17	13	10	8	2	1	-
	13-19	33	15	8	4	3	2	-	1
	20 and over	14	5	2	2	5	-	-	-
F or G	Total	4	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
	Under 9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	9-12	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	13-19	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
	20 and over	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

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Table 12 Legal abortions - numbers: purchaser by gestation weeks, procedure and duration of stay (nights), 1997

England and Wales
Residents

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		170,145	143,454	13,279	1,665	200	83	54	35	63	11	11,301
Under 9	All procedures	70,178	58,207	3,444	111	38	16	11	6	15	2	8,328
	Hysterotomy (only)	5	3	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	58,563	55,169	3,225	92	32	15	9	6	13	2	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,732	2,532	194	3	1	-	-	-	2	-	-
	D and E	426	407	17	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	98	78	5	12	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	10	7	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	8,328	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other medical	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	11	7	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-12	All procedures	81,489	76,763	3,403	211	55	18	17	10	19	3	990
	Hysterotomy (only)	4	1	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	8	-	2	-	1	1	1	2	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	76,490	73,173	3,045	173	44	14	12	8	18	3	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,722	2,454	256	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	983	935	39	7	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	219	142	50	17	7	3	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	14	5	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	990	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other medical	43	39	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other combined methods	15	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13-19	All procedures	16,369	8,309	5,765	416	76	27	19	16	18	4	1,719
	Hysterotomy (only)	12	1	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	7,106	5,555	1,495	36	9	2	1	1	5	2	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	3,731	1,454	2,235	39	1	-	-	1	1	-	-
	D and E	2,527	1,174	1,288	55	3	1	3	1	2	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	829	86	455	201	47	15	9	11	4	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	406	26	280	75	11	6	4	1	2	1	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	1,719	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other medical	18	9	5	3	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	
Other combined methods	18	4	5	6	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 and over	All procedures	2,109	175	667	927	31	22	7	3	11	2	264
	Hysterotomy (only)	11	-	1	2	-	3	2	1	2	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	53	15	17	20	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	645	21	114	506	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	447	32	111	301	2	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Other surgical	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	246	27	126	61	13	11	3	-	4	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	344	25	266	33	12	4	2	1	1	-	-
	Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	264	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:
Other medical	91	55	27	4	1	2	-	1	1	-	-	
Other combined methods	6	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	

† 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		86,414	72,932	2,183	683	180	80	51	33	53	9	10,210
Under 9	All procedures	27,354	19,661	261	92	31	14	9	6	13	1	7,266
	Hysterotomy (only)	3	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	2	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	19,359	18,971	243	79	27	13	8	6	11	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	247	242	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
	D and E	374	363	9	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	86	68	4	11	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	7	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	7,266	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	7,266
	Other medical	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	7	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9-12	All procedures	52,398	50,226	904	192	50	18	16	10	14	3	965
	Hysterotomy (only)	3	1	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	7	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	2	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	49,574	48,505	817	164	39	14	11	8	13	3	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	658	641	11	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	915	889	19	5	1	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	215	138	50	17	7	3	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	7	4	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	965	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	965
	Other medical	38	34	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	15	14	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13-19	All procedures	5,966	2,933	859	308	73	27	19	14	15	3	1,715
	Hysterotomy (only)	12	1	1	1	2	2	2	-	3	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	2,257	2,046	168	29	8	2	1	-	2	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	124	99	21	2	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
	D and E	864	679	140	36	2	1	3	1	2	-	-
	Other surgical	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	805	85	437	197	47	15	9	10	4	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	157	11	84	37	11	6	4	1	2	1	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	1,715	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1,715
	Other medical	15	9	3	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Other combined methods	14	3	4	4	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 and over	All procedures	696	112	159	91	26	21	7	3	11	2	264
	Hysterotomy (only)	10	-	1	1	-	3	2	1	2	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	22	11	7	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	24	11	4	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
	Other surgical	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	238	26	122	58	13	11	3	-	4	1	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	66	8	19	19	12	4	2	1	1	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	264	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	264
	Other medical	67	55	5	2	1	2	-	1	1	-	-
	Other combined methods	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

† 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		37,472	32,164	4,564	523	10	1	1	1	5	1	202
Under 9	All procedures	14,402	13,720	478	5	2	1	1	-	-	-	195
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	13,245	12,808	430	3	2	1	1	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	943	895	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	10	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	195	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	195
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	3	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9-12	All procedures	15,811	14,883	905	10	4	-	-	-	3	-	6
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	14,554	13,755	790	2	4	-	-	-	3	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,215	1,105	106	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	30	21	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	5	1	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	6	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13-19	All procedures	6,479	3,524	2,888	59	3	-	-	1	2	1	1
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	2,942	2,291	644	2	1	-	-	1	2	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	2,400	925	1,454	20	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	993	302	680	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	12	1	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	127	5	96	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	1	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1
	Other medical	3	-	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 and over	All procedures	780	37	293	449	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	17	3	4	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	385	10	68	307	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	191	14	53	123	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	169	9	153	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other medical	12	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

† 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 Non-NHS		46,259	38,358	6,532	459	10	2	2	1	5	1	889
Under 9	All procedures	28,422	24,826	2,705	14	5	1	1	-	2	1	867
	Hysterotomy (only)	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	25,959	23,390	2,552	10	3	1	-	-	2	1	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,542	1,395	143	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	42	34	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	7	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	2	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	867	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	867
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
9-12	All procedures	13,280	11,654	1,594	9	1	-	1	-	2	-	19
	Hysterotomy (only)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	12,362	10,913	1,438	7	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	849	708	139	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	38	25	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	19	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	19
	Other medical	5	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
13-19	All procedures	3,924	1,852	2,018	49	-	-	-	1	1	-	3
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	1,907	1,218	683	5	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,207	430	760	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	670	193	468	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	12	-	7	4	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	122	10	100	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	3	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3
	Other medical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	3	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
20 and over	All procedures	633	26	215	387	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterotomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Hysterectomy (only)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration (only)	14	1	6	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Vacuum aspiration with D and E	259	10	46	199	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
	D and E	232	7	54	170	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Other surgical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins (only)	6	-	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Prostaglandins with other agents	109	8	94	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	-	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	-
	Other medical	12	-	11	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other combined methods	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

† 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, 1997

England and Wales
Residents

Reported complication	All gestations	Total per 1,000 abortions	Gestation weeks					
			Under 13		13-19		20 and over	
			Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions
Total	490	2.88	390	2.57	77	4.70	23	10.91
Sepsis	62	0.36	53	0.35	8	0.49	1	0.47
Haemorrhage	248	1.46	185	1.22	45	2.75	18	8.53
Perforation	128	0.75	113	0.75	14	0.86	1	0.47
Other	69	0.41	50	0.33	14	0.86	5	2.37

* 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, 1997

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	Antiprogestin - one with or without prostaglandin	Other medical	Other combined methods
All gestations												
Procedures performed	170,145	32	13	142,212	9,830	4,383	3	1,392	774	11,301	155	50
No complications	169,655	26	11	141,858	9,814	4,355	2	1,374	767	11,244	154	50
Complications	490	6	2	354	16	28	1	18	7	57	1	-
Sepsis	62	1	-	50	-	1	-	2	-	8	-	-
Haemorrhage	248	1	2	173	9	14	-	9	5	34	1	-
Perforation	128	4	1	104	5	11	1	-	-	2	-	-
Other	69	-	-	34	3	7	-	7	3	15	-	-
Under 9 weeks												
Procedures performed	70,178	5	2	58,563	2,732	426	-	98	10	8,328	3	11
Complications	132	3	-	93	1	3	-	2	-	30	-	-
Sepsis	20	-	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-
Haemorrhage	48	-	-	30	-	-	-	1	-	17	-	-
Perforation	42	3	-	36	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other	24	-	-	13	1	1	-	1	-	8	-	-
9-12 weeks												
Procedures performed	81,489	4	8	76,490	2,722	983	1	219	14	990	43	15
Complications	258	1	2	235	4	6	1	2	-	6	1	-
Sepsis	33	-	-	32	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Haemorrhage	137	-	2	124	2	5	-	1	-	2	1	-
Perforation	71	1	1	65	2	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Other	26	-	-	20	-	2	-	1	-	3	-	-
13-19 weeks												
Procedures performed	16,369	12	2	7,106	3,731	2,527	1	829	406	1,719	18	18
Complications	77	1	-	25	8	17	-	9	2	15	-	-
Sepsis	8	1	-	3	-	1	-	1	-	2	-	-
Haemorrhage	45	-	-	19	4	7	-	3	1	11	-	-
Perforation	14	-	-	3	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	14	-	-	-	2	4	-	5	1	2	-	-
20 weeks and over												
Procedures performed	2,109	11	1	53	645	447	1	246	344	264	91	6
Complications	23	1	-	1	3	2	-	5	5	6	-	-
Sepsis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	18	1	-	-	3	2	-	4	4	4	-	-
Perforation	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Other	5	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-

† 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:
age by Regional office area of usual residence, 1997** **England and Wales
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
Numbers											
England and Wales	170,145	169,125	1,020	2,414	29,947	44,960	40,159	28,892	16,858	5,413	482
Wales	7,388	7,335	53	135	1,528	1,999	1,565	1,140	684	268	16
Northern and Yorkshire	16,304	16,151	153	342	3,384	4,469	3,540	2,441	1,434	498	43
Trent	12,980	12,876	104	259	2,565	3,437	2,946	2,078	1,167	393	31
Anglia and Oxford	14,530	14,434	96	212	2,712	3,660	3,220	2,497	1,585	493	55
North Thames	37,855	37,736	119	323	5,116	10,062	10,129	6,999	3,837	1,171	99
South Thames	28,601	28,464	137	286	4,283	7,272	7,172	5,388	3,097	880	86
South and West	16,254	16,139	115	208	3,121	4,294	3,567	2,667	1,662	565	55
West Midlands	16,854	16,736	118	313	3,384	4,404	3,707	2,724	1,599	555	50
North West	19,379	19,254	125	336	3,854	5,363	4,313	2,958	1,793	590	47

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**Table 15b Legal abortions - rates per 1,000 women:
age by Regional office area of usual residence, 1997** **England and Wales
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
Rates† per 1,000 women											
England and Wales	13.28	15.68	3.29	7.79	24.47	29.03	20.75	13.69	8.76	3.18	0.28
Wales	10.75	12.86	2.90	7.38	21.67	24.65	16.07	10.73	6.71	2.86	0.16
Northern and Yorkshire	10.56	12.47	3.93	8.86	21.97	23.68	16.08	9.85	6.13	2.39	0.20
Trent	10.46	12.37	3.46	8.63	21.77	22.99	15.74	10.30	6.25	2.37	0.18
Anglia and Oxford	10.76	12.71	2.97	6.54	21.35	22.80	15.07	11.39	7.98	2.74	0.29
North Thames†	20.84	24.25	3.03	8.16	30.53	43.58	35.10	21.84	13.91	5.11	0.44
South Thames†	16.65	19.55	3.59	7.43	27.78	35.86	26.79	18.04	11.74	3.90	0.38
South and West	10.36	12.35	2.99	5.40	20.89	22.96	15.62	10.71	7.08	2.62	0.24
West Midlands	13.14	15.55	3.56	9.63	26.65	28.60	19.19	13.13	8.46	3.26	0.28
North West	12.07	14.29	2.98	8.12	24.61	27.57	18.06	11.35	7.45	2.79	0.22

† 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-1997 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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Table 16 Legal abortions - numbers: **England and Wales**
area of termination by purchaser and by Regional office area of usual residence, 1997 *Residents*

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	170,145	7,388	16,304	12,980	14,530	37,855	28,601	16,254	16,854	19,379
	NHS	86,414	4,254	12,694	10,534	9,270	15,931	9,994	10,175	3,066	10,496
	NHS agency	37,472	2,180	1,774	437	2,031	7,634	8,240	2,601	9,007	3,568
	Non-NHS	46,259	954	1,836	2,009	3,229	14,290	10,367	3,478	4,781	5,315
Wales	Total	4,197	4,189	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	1
	NHS	4,164	4,156	-	-	-	-	-	4	3	1
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	33	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Northern and Yorkshire	Total	13,980	2	13,787	123	5	7	7	5	6	38
	NHS	12,613	1	12,546	24	5	1	6	3	4	23
	NHS agency	858	-	774	66	-	4	1	2	2	9
	Non-NHS	509	1	467	33	-	2	-	-	-	6
Trent	Total	13,428	1	1,966	11,088	188	10	7	8	134	26
	NHS	10,389	-	36	10,201	11	8	4	1	126	2
	NHS agency	1,052	-	930	55	59	-	-	1	3	4
	Non-NHS	1,987	1	1,000	832	118	2	3	6	5	20
Anglia and Oxford	Total	9,748	-	3	118	9,288	276	13	29	12	9
	NHS	9,607	-	3	106	9,170	270	12	28	9	9
	NHS agency	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Non-NHS	141	-	-	12	118	6	1	1	3	-
North Thames	Total	37,538	52	66	58	1,951	31,553	3,502	276	31	49
	NHS	15,759	-	2	3	34	15,563	147	1	3	6
	NHS agency	7,420	11	14	12	583	5,417	1,288	73	7	15
	Non-NHS	14,359	41	50	43	1,334	10,573	2,067	202	21	28
South Thames	Total	33,260	68	71	33	1,445	5,900	24,989	644	41	69
	NHS	10,041	-	3	5	33	70	9,808	120	1	1
	NHS agency	9,984	26	17	2	583	2,209	6,934	188	8	17
	Non-NHS	13,235	42	51	26	829	3,621	8,247	336	32	51
South and West	Total	14,954	23	4	3	235	17	53	14,592	20	7
	NHS	10,063	1	2	1	9	8	13	10,014	14	1
	NHS agency	2,141	11	-	1	95	1	13	2,013	4	3
	Non-NHS	2,750	11	2	1	131	8	27	2,565	2	3
West Midlands	Total	21,289	1,527	31	1,345	1,402	69	15	684	16,096	120
	NHS	3,147	78	-	162	-	3	-	3	2,887	14
	NHS agency	11,089	875	17	232	709	3	4	323	8,864	62
	Non-NHS	7,053	574	14	951	693	63	11	358	4,345	44
North West	Total	21,751	1,526	376	212	16	23	15	12	511	19,060
	NHS	10,631	18	102	32	8	8	4	1	19	10,439
	NHS agency	4,928	1,257	22	69	2	-	-	1	119	3,458
	Non-NHS	6,192	251	252	111	6	15	11	10	373	5,163

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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, 1997 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	170,145	7,388	16,304	12,980	14,530	37,855	28,601	16,254	16,854	19,379
(i) Statutory grounds										
A (alone or with B,C or D)	117	4	13	8	10	17	15	17	15	18
B (alone)	1,876	27	99	72	109	258	612	351	49	299
B (with C or D)	105	4	29	26	9	6	3	8	7	13
C (alone)	155,164	6,859	14,880	11,365	13,600	35,969	25,736	14,833	13,874	18,048
D (alone, or with C)	11,026	424	1,081	1,378	534	1,272	1,911	858	2,757	811
E (alone)	1,724	61	191	120	257	320	299	168	130	178
E (with A,B,C or D)	129	9	11	10	11	13	23	19	22	11
F or G	4	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	1
(ii) Procedure										
Hysterotomy (only)	32	5	3	4	4	1	1	2	6	6
Hysterectomy (only)	13	3	1	3	-	1	2	1	-	2
Vacuum aspiration (only)	142,212	5,905	11,997	10,387	11,847	32,745	25,257	14,238	13,121	16,715
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	9,830	127	140	421	618	2,924	1,831	776	2,559	434
D and E	4,383	293	569	314	291	809	743	528	378	458
Other surgical	3	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
Prostaglandins (only)	1,392	73	251	253	71	137	152	104	185	166
Prostaglandins with other agents	774	21	50	76	29	71	53	81	214	179
Antiprogesterone with or without prostaglandin	11,301	956	3,268	1,507	1,651	1,127	510	508	374	1,400
Other medical	155	4	15	8	17	36	44	14	7	10
Other combined methods	50	1	10	6	2	3	8	2	9	9
(iii) Purchaser and duration of stay (nights) †										
NHS										
Total	86,414	4,254	12,694	10,534	9,270	15,931	9,994	10,175	3,066	10,496
0	72,932	3,063	8,915	8,602	7,533	14,754	9,322	9,459	2,459	8,825
1	2,183	189	378	311	120	289	325	158	214	199
2	683	50	137	87	21	86	60	72	99	71
3	180	9	39	26	9	24	19	9	24	21
4	80	6	12	16	6	13	7	3	9	8
5	51	7	4	11	3	7	5	1	4	9
6	33	2	1	5	1	6	5	6	1	6
7 and over	53	2	6	8	3	10	6	6	5	7
Not stated	9	-	1	-	1	2	3	2	-	-
Not applicable≠	10,210	926	3,201	1,468	1,573	740	242	459	251	1,350
NHS agency										
Total	37,472	2,180	1,774	437	2,031	7,634	8,240	2,601	9,007	3,568
0	32,164	1,968	1,489	327	1,780	6,430	7,015	1,973	8,133	3,031
1	4,564	166	260	92	198	985	1,013	575	786	489
2	523	13	18	11	46	162	169	43	23	38
3	10	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	2	2
4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
5	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
6	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
7 and over	5	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-
Not stated	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Not applicable≠	202	15	6	7	5	55	36	10	61	7
Non-NHS										
Total	46,259	954	1,836	2,009	3,229	14,290	10,367	3,478	4,781	5,315
0	38,358	757	1,368	1,597	2,703	11,487	8,938	2,959	4,228	4,321
1	6,532	165	372	353	405	2,325	1,099	447	467	899
2	459	17	33	23	47	139	95	33	22	50
3	10	-	2	2	-	3	2	-	1	-
4	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
5	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
6	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
7 and over	5	-	-	-	1	2	1	-	1	-
Not stated	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not applicable≠	889	15	61	32	73	332	232	39	62	43

† 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	86,414	4,254	12,694	10,534	9,270	15,931	9,994	10,175	3,066	10,496
Under 9	27,354	1,300	4,916	3,456	3,862	3,957	2,550	2,590	1,001	3,722
9-12	52,398	2,568	6,601	6,333	4,807	10,612	6,458	7,008	1,796	6,215
13-19	5,966	367	1,100	692	487	1,223	873	523	209	492
20 and over	696	19	77	53	114	139	113	54	60	67
NHS agency										
Total	37,472	2,180	1,774	437	2,031	7,634	8,240	2,601	9,007	3,568
Under 9	14,402	899	589	152	769	3,222	3,095	916	3,525	1,235
9-12	15,811	919	956	162	890	3,066	3,201	908	4,120	1,589
13-19	6,479	330	193	95	316	1,145	1,756	693	1,276	675
20 and over	780	32	36	28	56	201	188	84	86	69
Non-NHS										
Total	46,259	954	1,836	2,009	3,229	14,290	10,367	3,478	4,781	5,315
Under 9	28,422	480	1,061	1,176	1,928	9,272	6,481	2,116	2,846	3,062
9-12	13,280	355	459	570	936	3,721	3,084	1,048	1,446	1,661
13-19	3,924	90	269	227	309	1,126	683	265	430	525
20 and over	633	29	47	36	56	171	119	49	59	67
(v) Previous live and still born children										
0	91,177	3,679	8,364	6,533	7,941	21,503	16,109	8,950	8,384	9,714
1	29,775	1,416	3,114	2,380	2,257	6,276	4,697	2,608	3,113	3,914
2	29,764	1,429	2,956	2,525	2,567	5,978	4,790	2,843	3,162	3,514
3	12,714	590	1,204	1,049	1,175	2,599	2,033	1,240	1,383	1,441
4	4,304	190	419	328	373	925	650	419	491	509
5 and over	2,055	83	204	129	176	494	286	142	283	258
Not stated	356	1	43	36	41	80	36	52	38	29
(vi) Cases with previous abortion(s) under the Act: age										
All Ages	49,000	1,651	3,756	3,305	3,764	13,221	9,573	4,178	4,739	4,813
Under 15	18	-	1	2	1	5	2	2	1	4
15	77	1	7	5	4	24	11	5	12	8
16-19	3,366	124	309	244	260	751	575	296	388	419
20-24	12,041	472	1,056	881	901	2,977	2,176	1,048	1,205	1,325
25-29	14,623	477	1,117	1,015	1,096	4,128	2,846	1,190	1,355	1,399
30-34	10,976	313	746	691	855	3,156	2,296	901	1,051	967
35-39	6,064	204	409	348	492	1,665	1,315	544	552	535
40-44	1,698	59	98	107	145	481	325	177	160	146
45 and over	137	1	13	12	10	34	27	15	15	10

† 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: area of termination by purchaser, age and previous live and still born children, 1997 England and Wales
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	
England and Wales	NHS	Total	2,366	-	5	127	571	713	640	288	22	
		0	90	-	4	10	20	15	24	16	1	
		1	226	-	-	10	41	61	74	37	3	
		2	920	-	1	48	207	282	264	109	9	
		3	630	-	-	40	173	202	148	61	6	
		4	338	-	-	18	103	104	74	37	2	
		5 and over	156	-	-	1	25	46	56	27	1	
	Not stated	6	-	-	-	2	3	-	1	-		
	NHS agency	Total	267	-	2	16	46	91	74	36	2	
		0	20	-	2	4	3	4	5	2	-	
		1	21	-	-	4	3	6	5	3	-	
		2	87	-	-	5	14	30	24	14	-	
		3	89	-	-	3	13	38	23	11	1	
		4	34	-	-	-	8	12	9	4	1	
		5 and over	16	-	-	-	5	1	8	2	-	
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Non-NHS	Total	339	-	-	9	45	96	126	54	9	
		0	27	-	-	2	5	9	8	2	1	
		1	27	-	-	-	1	6	13	5	2	
		2	162	-	-	5	22	39	60	33	3	
		3	77	-	-	-	12	31	26	5	3	
		4	33	-	-	2	1	10	12	8	-	
		5 and over	13	-	-	-	4	1	7	1	-	
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Wales	NHS	Total	128	-	1	9	37	36	31	12	2
			0	5	-	1	-	1	1	2	-	-
1			13	-	-	-	4	1	6	1	1	
2			52	-	-	5	13	14	12	7	1	
3			32	-	-	3	10	15	3	1	-	
4			14	-	-	1	5	3	3	2	-	
5 and over			12	-	-	-	4	2	5	1	-	
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	394	-	-	31	91	127	90	52	3
			0	13	-	-	1	5	1	3	3	-
	1		37	-	-	4	5	12	9	7	-	
	2		155	-	-	11	30	58	38	18	-	
	3		108	-	-	8	29	37	18	14	2	
	4		57	-	-	7	19	11	14	5	1	
	5 and over		23	-	-	-	3	7	8	5	-	
	Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-		
	NHS agency	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
	Non-NHS	Total	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
		0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	
	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
Trent	NHS	Total	460	-	1	21	111	147	129	49	2
		0	17	-	1	3	-	1	9	3	-
		1	50	-	-	1	6	18	16	9	-
		2	179	-	-	5	44	63	53	13	1
		3	130	-	-	10	39	41	29	10	1
		4	57	-	-	2	17	15	14	9	-
		5 and over	27	-	-	-	5	9	8	5	-
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NHS agency	Total	3	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
		0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2	2	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	13	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	1
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2	9	-	-	-	-	1	4	3	1
		3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
4		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	
5 and over		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Anglia and Oxford	NHS	Total	244	-	-	8	54	67	81	29	5
		0	13	-	-	2	4	2	4	1	-
		1	24	-	-	-	2	6	12	4	-
		2	86	-	-	2	19	23	25	14	3
		3	71	-	-	3	16	17	24	9	2
		4	38	-	-	1	13	14	10	-	-
		5 and over	11	-	-	-	-	4	6	1	-
		Not stated	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
	NHS agency	Total	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-
		0	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
		3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 and over		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
North Thames	NHS	Total	128	-	-	4	26	32	49	16	1
		0	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-
		1	6	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	-
		2	52	-	-	3	8	7	26	8	-
		3	37	-	-	-	6	15	13	3	-
		4	17	-	-	-	6	4	4	2	1
		5 and over	13	-	-	-	2	5	4	2	-
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NHS agency	Total	66	-	-	2	12	24	16	11	1
		0	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
		1	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-
		2	27	-	-	1	6	9	7	4	-
		3	24	-	-	-	1	12	6	4	1
		4	9	-	-	-	3	2	2	2	-
		5 and over	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	139	-	-	4	19	39	53	21	3
		0	8	-	-	-	2	4	1	1	-
		1	8	-	-	-	-	2	5	1	-
		2	73	-	-	3	9	15	29	15	2
		3	27	-	-	-	4	12	8	2	1
4		16	-	-	1	1	6	6	2	-	
5 and over		7	-	-	-	3	-	4	-	-	
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
South Thames	NHS	Total	184	-	-	8	40	58	53	24	1
		0	9	-	-	4	1	1	1	2	-
		1	13	-	-	1	3	3	3	3	-
		2	69	-	-	1	17	21	23	6	1
		3	48	-	-	1	10	15	17	5	-
		4	35	-	-	1	8	14	6	6	-
		5 and over	10	-	-	-	1	4	3	2	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	NHS agency	Total	57	-	1	5	8	22	14	7	-
		0	7	-	1	2	1	1	2	-	-
		1	8	-	-	3	1	3	-	1	-
		2	15	-	-	-	1	6	5	3	-
		3	19	-	-	-	3	10	4	2	-
		4	5	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	-
		5 and over	3	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	68	-	-	3	8	13	26	15	3
		0	5	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1
		1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1
		2	34	-	-	2	6	6	12	8	-
		3	15	-	-	-	1	5	7	1	1
4		9	-	-	-	-	2	4	3	-	
5 and over		2	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
South and West	NHS	Total	195	-	1	4	39	63	60	26	2
		0	7	-	1	-	2	3	-	1	-
		1	16	-	-	1	2	4	7	2	-
		2	72	-	-	1	11	22	24	13	1
		3	52	-	-	2	11	18	18	2	1
		4	34	-	-	-	9	11	8	6	-
		5 and over	14	-	-	-	4	5	3	2	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	25	-	-	-	4	9	11	1	-
		0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
		2	10	-	-	-	2	3	5	-	-
		3	11	-	-	-	1	5	4	1	-
		4	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	20	-	-	-	2	6	6	6	-
		0	3	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	-
		1	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-
		2	8	-	-	-	-	2	3	3	-
		3	6	-	-	-	1	3	1	1	-
4		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
5 and over		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
West Midlands	NHS	Total	204	-	1	14	51	59	51	26	2
		0	9	-	-	-	-	5	2	1	1
		1	19	-	-	-	6	4	5	3	1
		2	83	-	1	8	17	24	24	9	-
		3	50	-	-	2	18	16	8	6	-
		4	33	-	-	4	10	8	6	5	-
		5 and over	10	-	-	-	-	2	6	2	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	NHS agency	Total	74	-	1	4	13	24	21	11	-
		0	4	-	1	-	-	2	1	-	-
		1	7	-	-	-	1	2	2	2	-
		2	23	-	-	2	3	10	4	4	-
		3	22	-	-	2	3	6	8	3	-
		4	10	-	-	-	2	3	4	1	-
		5 and over	8	-	-	-	4	1	2	1	-
	Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	67	-	-	2	8	25	24	6	2
		0	7	-	-	1	1	3	2	-	-
		1	7	-	-	-	-	2	3	1	1
		2	27	-	-	-	5	11	7	4	-
		3	17	-	-	-	1	7	8	-	1
4		6	-	-	1	-	2	2	1	-	
5 and over		3	-	-	-	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	
North West	NHS	Total	429	-	1	28	122	124	96	54	4	
		0	14	-	1	-	4	1	3	5	-	
		1	48	-	-	2	12	12	14	7	1	
		2	172	-	-	12	48	50	39	21	2	
		3	102	-	-	11	34	28	18	11	-	
		4	53	-	-	2	16	24	9	2	-	
		5 and over	36	-	-	1	6	8	13	7	1	
		Not stated	4	-	-	-	2	1	-	1	-	
		NHS agency	Total	42	-	-	5	9	10	11	6	1
			0	6	-	-	2	1	1	1	1	-
	1		2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
	2		10	-	-	2	2	-	3	3	-	
	3		13	-	-	1	5	5	1	1	-	
	4		7	-	-	-	1	4	1	-	1	
	5 and over		4	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	
	Not stated		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
	Non-NHS	Total	28	-	-	-	8	9	11	-	-	
		0	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	
		1	5	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	
		2	10	-	-	-	2	3	5	-	-	
		3	11	-	-	-	5	4	2	-	-	
		4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		5 and over	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
		Not stated	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

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**Table 19 Legal abortions - numbers:
area of usual residence by age, 1997**

**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
England and Wales	170,145	1,020	2,414	5,231	7,427	8,601	8,688	44,960	40,159	28,892	16,858	5,413	482
England	162,757	967	2,279	4,952	7,022	8,179	8,266	42,961	38,594	27,752	16,174	5,145	466
Wales	7,388	53	135	279	405	422	422	1,999	1,565	1,140	684	268	16
Regional Offices and Health authorities													
Northern and Yorkshire	16,304	153	342	634	841	1,004	905	4,469	3,540	2,441	1,434	498	43
Bradford	1,252	13	15	39	56	79	74	338	290	178	129	37	4
County Durham	1,405	16	38	59	73	94	70	362	290	215	137	50	1
East Riding	1,540	9	38	58	83	105	73	456	304	238	125	45	6
Gateshead and South Tyneside	855	9	26	42	59	68	42	224	158	117	74	35	1
Leeds	2,298	15	38	79	104	119	161	676	534	324	191	54	3
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,477	11	31	59	76	81	95	408	328	212	136	36	4
North Cumbria	744	4	10	37	41	40	33	188	170	126	69	21	5
Northumberland	702	8	16	30	41	50	43	188	134	96	55	37	4
Sunderland	815	18	25	32	45	55	38	238	166	115	61	20	2
Tees	1,265	16	41	75	65	72	79	353	259	179	88	36	2
Wakefield	721	11	13	32	45	43	33	182	167	105	63	25	2
North Yorkshire	1,697	11	26	41	74	110	90	460	371	291	164	55	4
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,533	12	25	51	79	88	74	396	369	245	142	47	5
Trent	12,980	104	259	517	602	738	708	3,437	2,946	2,078	1,167	393	31
Barnsley	461	7	7	19	22	22	20	112	103	81	49	19	-
North Derbyshire	852	8	22	20	56	51	44	213	185	136	88	27	2
South Derbyshire	1,375	8	24	58	52	93	78	350	321	229	119	40	3
Doncaster	790	8	20	42	47	42	29	224	189	112	55	21	1
Leicestershire	2,528	6	49	76	92	137	148	742	557	386	248	82	5
Lincolnshire	1,290	16	23	57	72	77	64	313	263	239	115	47	4
North Nottinghamshire	885	5	24	48	40	43	52	213	208	150	77	24	1
Nottingham	1,751	8	29	60	75	105	101	470	410	285	144	58	6
Rotherham	601	11	10	39	30	38	33	145	130	103	49	12	1
Sheffield	1,612	14	25	52	68	86	88	445	388	250	142	50	4
South Humber	835	13	26	46	48	44	51	210	192	107	81	13	4
Anglia and Oxford	14,530	96	212	444	677	794	797	3,660	3,220	2,497	1,585	493	55
Bedfordshire	1,807	11	28	48	112	123	96	432	379	302	219	52	5
Berkshire	2,641	9	28	79	106	123	135	650	627	484	300	93	7
Buckinghamshire	1,941	15	17	57	90	96	112	459	443	354	204	82	12
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,150	7	12	20	42	57	51	321	257	199	134	44	6
East Norfolk	1,354	19	28	42	67	89	64	356	282	210	152	43	2
Northamptonshire	1,577	10	33	61	88	85	92	391	335	258	168	52	4
North West Anglia	872	7	15	34	44	63	51	224	188	142	79	22	3
Oxfordshire	1,801	10	19	51	74	86	90	483	418	321	183	58	8
Suffolk	1,387	8	32	52	54	72	106	344	291	227	146	47	8
North Thames	37,855	119	323	772	1,234	1,431	1,679	10,062	10,129	6,999	3,837	1,171	99
Barking and Havering	1,450	9	26	48	82	85	66	372	333	244	138	41	6
Barnet	1,675	5	8	31	61	48	64	450	455	306	178	67	2
Brent and Harrow	3,526	4	22	70	97	139	153	930	960	627	404	113	7
Camden and Islington	3,430	7	21	53	70	103	128	969	1,045	657	289	81	7
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,540	9	37	74	113	150	198	1,249	1,301	862	409	129	9
East London and The City	5,012	25	39	88	162	183	219	1,350	1,379	984	444	120	19
North Essex	2,235	9	32	70	95	111	121	553	519	359	268	94	4
South Essex	2,268	10	32	87	116	121	126	569	507	380	241	72	7
Hillingdon	1,124	7	12	29	45	50	59	266	270	199	146	35	6
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,591	7	10	26	58	68	124	1,052	1,146	663	328	101	8
Enfield and Haringey	3,277	10	31	72	99	118	153	891	884	589	321	99	10
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,627	7	20	50	94	100	112	691	651	505	295	98	4
East and North Hertfordshire	1,500	4	18	31	66	73	65	370	310	314	185	58	6
West Hertfordshire	1,600	6	15	43	76	82	91	350	369	310	191	63	4

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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
South Thames	28,601	137	286	686	1,029	1,228	1,340	7,272	7,172	5,388	3,097	880	86
Bexley and Greenwich	1,886	13	18	61	72	90	102	458	500	315	191	63	3
Bromley	1,050	2	13	29	32	53	44	251	255	212	113	36	10
Croydon	1,822	10	16	40	72	69	92	419	464	355	215	65	5
East Kent	1,190	9	16	37	45	93	67	304	250	194	128	45	2
West Kent	2,784	13	45	90	144	133	147	700	604	497	303	100	8
Kingston and Richmond	1,272	6	5	19	33	42	65	344	307	246	147	51	7
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,439	28	67	147	198	252	308	2,009	2,057	1,477	728	153	15
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,720	12	13	58	110	121	141	985	1,089	732	359	92	8
East Surrey	1,180	6	16	25	54	59	44	260	263	231	170	49	3
West Surrey	1,940	11	24	51	82	84	102	500	428	326	244	78	10
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,340	20	26	68	106	115	130	583	505	440	257	82	8
West Sussex	1,978	7	27	61	81	117	98	459	450	363	242	66	7
South and West	16,254	115	208	574	813	865	869	4,294	3,567	2,667	1,662	565	55
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	1,112	5	13	41	71	59	57	291	241	173	113	43	5
Dorset	1,695	13	17	65	98	92	97	438	373	242	189	66	5
North and East Devon	1,085	14	10	33	44	55	68	281	247	167	116	45	5
Gloucestershire	1,412	15	21	51	82	77	78	333	319	239	147	47	3
North and Mid Hampshire	1,294	5	10	56	60	54	71	309	294	246	135	47	7
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,595	12	25	38	82	84	81	456	357	264	138	49	9
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,506	7	25	53	76	81	100	427	299	237	158	40	3
Isle of Wight	223	3	1	13	12	19	9	51	36	31	33	15	-
Somerset	998	5	23	28	54	57	46	254	200	171	113	43	4
South and West Devon	1,412	12	19	68	65	78	78	375	302	226	139	46	4
Wiltshire	1,350	13	15	47	60	72	67	350	290	239	147	46	4
Avon	2,572	11	29	81	109	137	117	729	609	432	234	78	6
West Midlands	16,854	118	313	617	871	995	901	4,404	3,707	2,724	1,599	555	50
Birmingham	4,065	17	75	125	181	200	212	1,097	983	685	372	104	14
Coventry	1,404	10	22	42	88	74	86	422	294	207	123	32	4
Dudley	920	8	29	43	45	52	52	225	220	131	81	33	1
Herefordshire	357	3	7	16	19	17	21	90	65	68	41	10	-
Sandwell	1,115	8	15	40	61	75	44	303	249	185	99	29	7
Shropshire	1,041	8	19	50	63	65	46	252	214	169	115	38	2
Solihull	565	3	9	21	26	46	36	128	124	94	52	25	1
North Staffordshire	1,135	10	24	52	63	61	69	321	234	170	89	40	2
South Staffordshire	1,559	13	30	59	91	103	74	383	321	250	156	72	7
Walsall	773	6	11	19	40	49	42	214	173	116	77	25	1
Warwickshire	1,586	13	29	65	81	99	91	400	302	275	159	66	6
Wolverhampton	922	12	18	28	40	59	35	244	223	155	84	24	-
Worcestershire	1,412	7	25	57	73	95	93	325	305	219	151	57	5
North West	19,379	125	336	708	955	1,124	1,067	5,363	4,313	2,958	1,793	590	47
Bury and Rochdale	1,125	5	22	43	57	64	47	274	273	189	116	35	-
North Cheshire	1,016	7	20	41	68	64	56	254	224	158	96	26	2
South Cheshire	1,704	10	32	53	64	99	100	443	376	274	192	57	4
East Lancashire	1,333	13	34	52	76	66	77	348	298	172	137	58	2
North West Lancashire	1,285	10	18	49	70	74	68	347	309	184	112	42	2
South Lancashire	701	7	12	25	23	44	41	167	160	125	64	32	1
Liverpool	1,947	7	26	65	88	116	115	586	425	287	178	51	3
Manchester	1,801	11	24	42	72	101	104	606	429	239	139	27	7
Morecambe Bay	716	4	16	29	35	37	49	204	142	112	62	23	3
St Helens and Knowsley	963	9	13	39	54	59	49	275	216	134	87	26	2
Salford and Trafford	1,315	9	13	42	74	77	53	375	296	213	122	36	5
Sefton	764	3	15	33	39	37	43	205	175	124	58	29	3
Stockport	932	3	14	32	36	62	53	257	178	160	101	34	2
West Pennine	1,360	6	30	54	76	75	70	354	319	212	124	33	7
Wigan and Bolton	1,533	17	28	70	66	96	90	426	339	232	120	47	2
Wirral	884	4	19	39	57	53	52	242	154	143	85	34	2
Wales	7,388	53	135	279	405	422	422	1,999	1,565	1,140	684	268	16
Gwent	1,331	16	26	54	78	80	74	349	279	201	130	43	1
Bro Taf	1,959	13	41	81	100	102	114	561	396	319	169	59	4
Dyfed Powys	959	9	18	46	48	49	67	251	186	152	77	52	4
North Wales	1,848	8	31	52	110	118	91	492	416	276	181	70	3
Morgannwg	1,291	7	19	46	69	73	76	346	288	192	127	44	4

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Table 20 Legal abortions - numbers: area of usual residence by gestation weeks and parity, 1997

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	170,145	70,178	81,489	12,736	5,742	-	91,177	72,253	6,359	356
England	162,757	67,499	77,647	12,110	5,501	-	87,498	68,818	6,086	355
Wales	7,388	2,679	3,842	626	241	-	3,679	3,435	273	1
Regional Offices and Health Authorities										
Northern and Yorkshire	16,304	6,566	8,016	1,250	472	-	8,364	7,274	623	43
Bradford	1,252	391	681	139	41	-	608	545	96	3
County Durham	1,405	587	673	114	31	-	667	687	48	3
East Riding	1,540	644	759	92	45	-	782	688	67	3
Gateshead and South Tyneside	855	328	429	79	19	-	414	406	34	1
Leeds	2,298	765	1,236	213	84	-	1,298	912	85	3
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,477	534	764	147	32	-	805	623	47	2
North Cumbria	744	377	308	44	15	-	357	367	18	2
Northumberland	702	411	222	48	21	-	360	317	20	5
Sunderland	815	341	382	55	37	-	398	394	22	1
Tees	1,265	706	451	84	24	-	609	603	52	1
Wakefield	721	251	412	42	16	-	343	351	18	9
North Yorkshire	1,697	618	947	89	43	-	949	695	44	9
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,533	613	752	104	64	-	774	686	72	1
Trent	12,980	4,784	7,065	813	318	-	6,533	5,954	457	36
Barnsley	461	170	235	43	13	-	203	241	16	1
North Derbyshire	852	504	299	37	12	-	476	354	22	-
South Derbyshire	1,375	543	708	83	41	-	725	592	53	5
Doncaster	790	332	419	24	15	-	340	430	20	-
Leicestershire	2,528	1,033	1,335	99	61	-	1,329	1,101	93	5
Lincolnshire	1,290	438	771	47	34	-	656	574	57	3
North Nottinghamshire	885	296	477	83	29	-	382	467	33	3
Nottingham	1,751	452	1,160	102	37	-	935	753	58	5
Rotherham	601	156	369	59	17	-	268	318	15	-
Sheffield	1,612	525	881	163	43	-	844	694	61	13
South Humber	835	335	411	73	16	-	375	430	29	1
Anglia and Oxford	14,530	6,559	6,633	816	522	-	7,941	5,999	549	41
Bedfordshire	1,807	910	742	101	54	-	945	759	101	2
Berkshire	2,641	1,365	1,002	164	110	-	1,517	1,011	99	14
Buckinghamshire	1,941	864	876	123	78	-	1,057	814	67	3
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,150	507	566	42	35	-	651	467	29	3
East Norfolk	1,354	618	629	62	45	-	721	582	49	2
Northamptonshire	1,577	618	818	83	58	-	834	694	44	5
North West Anglia	872	183	577	70	42	-	463	368	40	1
Oxfordshire	1,801	902	717	120	62	-	1,046	686	60	9
Suffolk	1,387	592	706	51	38	-	707	618	60	2
North Thames	37,855	16,451	17,399	2,691	1,314	-	21,503	14,853	1,419	80
Barking and Havering	1,450	463	838	104	45	-	756	626	67	1
Barnet	1,675	937	633	60	45	-	997	627	49	2
Brent and Harrow	3,526	1,928	1,232	231	135	-	1,927	1,454	142	3
Camden and Islington	3,430	1,463	1,556	292	119	-	2,263	1,057	106	4
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,540	2,008	1,953	370	209	-	2,784	1,599	142	15
East London and The City	5,012	1,412	2,920	504	176	-	2,519	2,179	298	16
North Essex	2,235	837	1,203	133	62	-	1,181	972	75	7
South Essex	2,268	895	1,186	109	78	-	1,131	1,057	75	5
Hillingdon	1,124	425	558	106	35	-	566	500	55	3
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,591	1,944	1,347	215	85	-	2,594	921	68	8
Enfield and Haringey	3,277	1,559	1,336	222	160	-	1,810	1,352	113	2
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,627	1,111	1,238	197	81	-	1,314	1,169	136	8
East and North Hertfordshire	1,500	692	691	69	48	-	763	688	47	2
West Hertfordshire	1,600	777	708	79	36	-	898	652	46	4

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Table 20 - continued

Area of usual residence	Total	Gestation weeks					Not stated	Parity			
		Under 9	9-12	13-16	17 and over	0		1-3	4 and over	Not stated	
South Thames	28,601	12,126	12,743	2,634	1,098	-	16,109	11,520	936	36	
Bexley and Greenwich	1,886	666	1,044	128	48	-	988	825	67	6	
Bromley	1,050	407	531	74	38	-	586	431	32	1	
Croydon	1,822	1,158	472	125	67	-	890	849	82	1	
East Kent	1,190	474	545	108	63	-	609	528	48	5	
West Kent	2,784	1,126	1,271	269	118	-	1,448	1,211	124	1	
Kingston and Richmond	1,272	698	488	56	30	-	851	395	23	3	
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,439	2,734	3,107	1,139	459	-	4,076	3,063	294	6	
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,720	1,766	1,598	267	89	-	2,321	1,299	93	7	
East Surrey	1,180	477	613	69	21	-	670	485	23	2	
West Surrey	1,940	1,086	670	123	61	-	1,164	742	32	2	
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,340	893	1,259	139	49	-	1,413	869	58	-	
West Sussex	1,978	641	1,145	137	55	-	1,093	823	60	2	
South and West	16,254	5,622	8,964	1,122	546	-	8,950	6,691	561	52	
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	1,112	198	843	47	24	-	596	482	33	1	
Dorset	1,695	622	921	107	45	-	991	653	46	5	
North and East Devon	1,085	457	526	71	31	-	590	448	43	4	
Gloucestershire	1,412	525	740	104	43	-	763	594	54	1	
North and Mid Hampshire	1,294	649	508	86	51	-	737	514	41	2	
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,595	426	1,008	108	53	-	870	650	66	9	
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,506	699	656	103	48	-	834	618	49	5	
Isle of Wight	223	87	116	13	7	-	111	106	5	1	
Somerset	998	442	456	65	35	-	504	440	48	6	
South and West Devon	1,412	248	1,047	77	40	-	771	600	40	1	
Wiltshire	1,350	661	563	78	48	-	706	603	39	2	
Avon	2,572	608	1,580	263	121	-	1,477	983	97	15	
West Midlands	16,854	7,372	7,362	1,462	658	-	8,384	7,658	774	38	
Birmingham	4,065	1,662	1,766	462	175	-	1,919	1,877	257	12	
Coventry	1,404	674	573	111	46	-	713	628	62	1	
Dudley	920	406	374	99	41	-	489	399	30	2	
Herefordshire	357	194	129	19	15	-	179	167	11	-	
Sandwell	1,115	492	446	114	63	-	465	567	79	4	
Shropshire	1,041	495	432	73	41	-	551	447	40	3	
Solihull	565	258	225	55	27	-	281	268	15	1	
North Staffordshire	1,135	484	550	67	34	-	577	515	42	1	
South Staffordshire	1,559	706	718	85	50	-	820	689	46	4	
Walsall	773	204	498	51	20	-	333	400	39	1	
Warwickshire	1,586	737	673	117	59	-	825	701	56	4	
Wolverhampton	922	365	410	105	42	-	433	429	58	2	
Worcestershire	1,412	695	568	104	45	-	799	571	39	3	
North West	19,379	8,019	9,465	1,322	573	-	9,714	8,869	767	29	
Bury and Rochdale	1,125	449	506	131	39	-	515	557	51	2	
North Cheshire	1,016	378	506	107	25	-	499	476	40	1	
South Cheshire	1,704	619	902	134	49	-	935	721	46	2	
East Lancashire	1,333	605	612	83	33	-	583	668	79	3	
North West Lancashire	1,285	642	500	98	45	-	642	592	51	-	
South Lancashire	701	259	382	36	24	-	352	315	31	3	
Liverpool	1,947	801	996	104	46	-	994	875	73	5	
Manchester	1,801	640	954	157	50	-	1,001	699	98	3	
Morecambe Bay	716	289	374	33	20	-	384	304	27	1	
St Helens and Knowsley	963	372	518	48	25	-	441	485	34	3	
Salford and Trafford	1,315	589	606	72	48	-	676	588	48	3	
Sefton	764	334	350	51	29	-	389	350	25	-	
Stockport	932	500	370	40	22	-	483	426	21	2	
West Pennine	1,360	598	641	81	40	-	618	688	53	1	
Wigan and Bolton	1,533	589	807	91	46	-	737	738	58	-	
Wirral	884	355	441	56	32	-	465	387	32	-	
Wales	7,388	2,679	3,842	626	241	-	3,679	3,435	273	1	
Gwent	1,331	570	599	105	57	-	614	663	54	-	
Bro Taf	1,959	572	1,173	170	44	-	1,008	878	73	-	
Dyfed Powys	959	410	446	74	29	-	518	409	32	-	
North Wales	1,848	692	897	182	77	-	915	856	76	1	
Morgannwg	1,291	435	727	95	34	-	624	629	38	-	

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Table 21 Legal abortions - numbers: area of usual residence (Regional offices and HAs) by area of termination and purchaser, 1997

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	170,145	75,481	8,765	8,937	10,933	28,707	37,322
England	162,757	71,791	8,765	8,912	10,369	26,527	36,393
Wales	7,388	3,690	-	25	564	2,180	929
Northern and Yorkshire	16,304	10,666	161	141	2,028	1,613	1,695
Bradford	1,252	226	-	7	707	102	210
County Durham	1,405	911	-	-	377	34	83
East Riding	1,540	1,254	-	4	40	74	168
Gateshead and South Tyneside	855	589	-	-	191	19	56
Leeds	2,298	1,680	161	106	42	35	274
Newcastle and North Tyneside	1,477	1,328	-	13	49	20	67
North Cumbria	744	695	-	-	18	2	29
Northumberland	702	587	-	-	74	12	29
Sunderland	815	696	-	4	43	32	40
Tees	1,265	1,188	-	-	8	30	39
Wakefield	721	333	-	-	64	170	154
North Yorkshire	1,697	931	-	7	310	164	285
Calderdale and Kirklees	1,533	248	-	-	105	919	261
Trent	12,980	9,369	14	180	1,165	423	1,829
Barnsley	461	222	-	-	84	28	127
North Derbyshire	852	501	-	-	141	75	135
Southern Derbyshire	1,375	827	-	-	262	29	257
Doncaster	790	635	14	82	38	9	12
Leicestershire	2,528	1,765	-	24	190	125	424
Lincolnshire	1,290	968	-	33	160	21	108
North Nottinghamshire	885	656	-	-	66	25	138
Nottingham	1,751	1,293	-	41	59	61	297
Rotherham	601	431	-	-	86	12	72
Sheffield	1,612	1,360	-	-	26	30	196
South Humber	835	711	-	-	53	8	63
Anglia and Oxford	14,530	8,477	-	102	793	2,031	3,127
Bedfordshire	1,807	1,180	-	-	132	164	331
Berkshire	2,641	731	-	-	29	680	1,201
Buckinghamshire	1,941	366	-	-	61	951	563
Cambridge and Huntingdon	1,150	964	-	7	29	15	135
East Norfolk	1,354	1,200	-	36	57	21	40
Northamptonshire	1,577	987	-	10	106	77	397
North West Anglia	872	534	-	34	64	86	154
Oxfordshire	1,801	1,534	-	10	60	28	169
Suffolk	1,387	981	-	5	255	9	137
North Thames	37,855	13,990	1,449	2,105	1,941	6,185	12,185
Barking and Havering	1,450	641	-	-	59	171	579
Barnet	1,675	702	-	5	159	132	677
Brent and Harrow	3,526	12	-	7	78	2,633	796
Camden and Islington	3,430	1,616	-	70	55	518	1,171
Ealing, Hammersmith and Hounslow	4,540	1,026	892	580	218	691	1,133
East London and The City	5,012	3,221	-	-	59	122	1,610
North Essex	2,235	1,180	140	630	99	11	175
South Essex	2,268	1,262	-	-	102	191	713
Hillingdon	1,124	258	-	-	53	426	387
Kensington & Chelsea and Westminster	3,591	1,675	-	150	133	295	1,338
Enfield and Haringey	3,277	884	417	547	379	63	987
Redbridge and Waltham Forest	2,627	461	-	92	97	552	1,425
East and North Hertfordshire	1,500	547	-	8	245	164	536
West Hertfordshire	1,600	505	-	16	205	216	658

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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	28,601	9,230	2,734	3,579	764	5,506	6,788
Bexley and Greenwich	1,886	1,183	-	-	21	132	550
Bromley	1,050	414	-	-	50	179	407
Croydon	1,822	2	-	-	33	1,353	434
East Kent	1,190	701	-	23	4	138	324
West Kent	2,784	556	-	53	49	1,317	809
Kingston and Richmond	1,272	415	40	437	206	4	170
Lambeth, Southwark and Lewisham	7,439	1,903	2,247	2,040	56	538	655
Merton, Sutton and Wandsworth	3,720	1,771	-	-	85	456	1,408
East Surrey	1,180	548	-	-	133	84	415
West Surrey	1,940	292	-	3	17	1,012	616
East Sussex, Brighton and Hove	2,340	712	447	1,023	56	27	75
West Sussex	1,978	733	-	-	54	266	925
South and West	16,254	9,141	272	873	1,034	2,329	2,605
Cornwall and Isles of Scilly	1,112	411	-	137	448	65	51
Dorset	1,695	719	272	603	74	9	18
North and East Devon	1,085	984	-	13	29	8	51
Gloucestershire	1,412	1,124	-	-	22	75	191
North and Mid Hampshire	1,294	111	-	1	133	367	682
Portsmouth and South East Hampshire	1,595	1,288	-	-	21	94	192
Southampton and South West Hampshire	1,506	405	-	-	62	745	294
Isle of Wight	223	125	-	-	4	52	42
Somerset	998	786	-	3	57	63	89
South and West Devon	1,412	1,172	-	22	70	84	64
Wiltshire	1,350	215	-	2	105	467	561
Avon	2,572	1,801	-	92	9	300	370
West Midlands	16,854	2,596	3,835	1,279	470	5,172	3,502
Birmingham	4,065	70	2,643	1,187	30	68	67
Coventry	1,404	5	-	-	4	1,299	96
Dudley	920	12	-	-	6	564	338
Herefordshire	357	288	-	5	11	11	42
Sandwell	1,115	12	-	-	14	840	249
Shropshire	1,041	148	-	-	44	520	329
Solihull	565	27	-	-	31	210	297
North Staffordshire	1,135	676	-	-	22	77	360
South Staffordshire	1,559	594	-	-	265	163	537
Walsall	773	518	-	-	9	25	221
Warwickshire	1,586	21	1,192	86	20	210	57
Wolverhampton	922	24	-	-	3	451	444
Worcestershire	1,412	201	-	1	11	734	465
North West	19,379	8,322	300	653	2,174	3,268	4,662
Bury and Rochdale	1,125	398	-	-	159	161	407
North Cheshire	1,016	6	-	1	12	837	160
South Cheshire	1,704	526	-	-	54	824	300
East Lancashire	1,333	1,109	-	4	48	16	156
North West Lancashire	1,285	109	-	-	28	447	701
South Lancashire	701	236	-	-	165	52	248
Liverpool	1,947	1,463	105	309	13	16	41
Manchester	1,801	978	-	27	68	201	527
Morecambe Bay	716	591	-	-	6	24	95
St Helens and Knowsley	963	2	-	-	707	46	208
Salford and Trafford	1,315	466	-	-	170	126	553
Sefton	764	159	-	-	390	44	171
Stockport	932	362	195	310	30	9	26
West Pennine	1,360	522	-	-	229	128	481
Wigan and Bolton	1,533	861	-	-	81	120	471
Wirral	884	534	-	2	14	217	117
Wales	7,388	3,690	-	25	564	2,180	929
Gwent	1,331	346	-	-	64	818	103
Bro Taf	1,959	1,410	-	25	47	50	427
Dyfed Powys	959	473	-	-	380	23	83
North Wales	1,848	277	-	-	39	1,282	250
Morgannwg	1,291	1,184	-	-	34	7	66

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Table 22 Numbers of legal abortions associated with rubella (disease, contact or immunisation)* by annual occurrence, 1986-1997 England and Wales Residents

Year	England and Wales	England	Wales
Total			
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
1997	6	6	-
Disease			
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
1997	-	-	-
Contact			
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	-
1997	2	2	-
Immunisation			
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	-	-	-
1997	4	4	-

For the years 1986-1994 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 1986-1988 remain unchanged.

* For the years 1986-1994, 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 1995-1997, 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, 1997

England and Wales
Residents

ICD-10 no	Grounds	Condition	1997
	Total	all abortions	170,145
Grounds A or B alone or with C or D		Total	2,098
F00-F99	Mental and behavioural disorders		1,903
	Other conditions (a) (b)		195
	<i>C50</i>	<i>malignant neoplasm of female breast</i>	16
	<i>G409</i>	<i>epilepsy, unspecified</i>	5
	<i>K509</i>	<i>crohn's diseases, unspecified</i>	5
	<i>N18</i>	<i>chronic renal failure</i>	5
	<i>O10-O16</i>	<i>oedema hypertension etc</i>	8
	<i>O21</i>	<i>excessive vomiting in pregnancy</i>	5
	<i>O411</i>	<i>infection of amniotic sac and membranes</i>	6
	<i>Z875</i>	<i>history of complications in pregnancy</i>	5
Ground C alone or with D		Total	164,809
F00-F99	Mental and behavioural disorders		164,497
	Other conditions (a) (b)		312
	<i>C50</i>	<i>malignant neoplasm of female breast</i>	10
	<i>E14</i>	<i>unspecified diabetes mellitus</i>	6
	<i>G40-G41</i>	<i>epilepsy</i>	16
	<i>O10-O16</i>	<i>oedema hypertension etc</i>	6
	<i>O21</i>	<i>excessive vomiting in pregnancy</i>	10
	<i>O24</i>	<i>diabetes mellitus in pregnancy</i>	12
	<i>Z875</i>	<i>history of complications in pregnancy</i>	5
Ground D alone		Total	1,381
Ground E alone or with any other		Total	1,853
Q00-Q89	Congenital malformations total		831
<i>Q00-Q07</i>	<i>the nervous system : total</i>		426
<i>Q000</i>	<i>anencephaly</i>		159
<i>Q01</i>	<i>encephalocele</i>		18
<i>Q02</i>	<i>microcephaly</i>		6
<i>Q03</i>	<i>hydrocephalus</i>		61
<i>Q04</i>	<i>other malformations of the brain</i>		43
<i>Q05</i>	<i>spina bifida</i>		104
<i>Q06-Q07</i>	<i>other</i>		33
<i>Q10-Q18</i>	<i>the eye, ear, face and neck</i>		5
<i>Q20-Q28</i>	<i>the cardiovascular system</i>		94
<i>Q30-Q34</i>	<i>the respiratory system</i>		6
<i>Q60-Q64</i>	<i>the urinary system</i>		85
<i>Q65-Q79</i>	<i>the musculoskeletal system</i>		121
<i>Q80-Q85</i>	<i>the skin, breast integument phakomatoses</i>		6
<i>Q86-Q89</i>	<i>other</i>		83
Q90-Q99	Chromosomal abnormalities total		580
Q90	Down's syndrome		316
Q910-Q913	Edwards' syndrome		96
Q914-Q917	Patau's syndrome		36
Q92-Q99	other		132
	Other conditions total (b)		442
	<i>Z80-Z84</i>	<i>family history of heritable disorder</i>	80
	<i>Z20-Z22</i>	<i>exposure to communicable disease</i>	11
	<i>P00-P04</i>	<i>fetus affected by maternal factors</i>	96
	<i>P05-P08</i>	<i>fetal disorders related to gestation and growth</i>	9
	<i>P832</i>	<i>hydrop fetalis not due to haemolytic disease</i>	25
Grounds F or G		Total	4

(a) specific conditions are shown only where 5 or more cases were recorded.

(b) includes cases where insufficient detail was available to allocate an ICD10 code; for grounds A or B alone or with C or D there were 37 such cases, for ground C alone or with D there were 151 cases, and for ground E there were 221 cases.

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Table 24a Legal abortions - numbers: (i) Country of usual residence*, (ii) Statutory grounds, (iii) gestation weeks, by age, 1997 **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
All non-residents	9,601	34	101	1,536	3,184	2,189	1,279	878	359	41
(i) Country of usual residence										
British Isles	7,540	20	66	1,152	2,655	1,739	964	653	258	33
Scotland	322	5	10	62	76	65	64	30	10	-
Northern Ireland	1,572	5	24	268	510	355	214	141	51	4
Irish Republic	5,340	10	30	782	1,986	1,235	645	448	178	26
Isle of Man	174	-	2	26	52	39	18	24	11	2
Channel Islands	132	-	-	14	31	45	23	10	8	1
Other European*	1,708	14	34	368	455	339	238	172	80	8
Austria	16	-	-	1	5	4	4	1	1	-
Belgium	30	1	1	5	8	8	2	5	-	-
France	887	8	19	226	239	167	101	79	42	6
Germany	74	-	1	6	24	16	15	7	4	1
Gibraltar	16	-	-	2	3	4	3	3	1	-
Italy	433	3	8	93	109	85	72	44	18	1
Malta	64	1	1	7	19	15	7	9	5	-
Poland	13	-	-	3	3	3	1	2	1	-
Portugal	49	-	2	7	14	12	5	7	2	-
Spain	52	1	1	7	12	11	12	7	1	-
Switzerland	23	-	-	3	6	5	5	3	1	-
Rest of World*	351	-	1	16	74	111	75	53	21	-
Australia	21	-	-	3	8	8	-	1	1	-
Other Arab States**	189	-	1	3	31	57	44	38	15	-
United States of America	19	-	-	2	3	7	7	-	-	-
(ii) Statutory grounds										
Total	9,601	34	101	1,536	3,184	2,189	1,279	878	359	41
A (alone, or with any other)	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
B (alone)	8	-	1	1	-	1	4	-	1	-
C (alone)	9,412	34	100	1,530	3,150	2,146	1,226	838	349	39
D (alone, or with C)	156	-	-	5	32	39	43	28	7	2
E (alone)	20	-	-	-	2	2	5	9	2	-
E (with B, C or D)	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-
(iii) Gestation weeks										
Total	9,601	34	101	1,536	3,184	2,189	1,279	878	359	41
Under 9	2,904	3	15	325	886	735	448	337	139	16
9-12	3,706	8	31	525	1,326	872	481	327	123	13
13-14	683	1	8	144	230	148	74	49	26	3
15-16	734	6	8	175	240	136	93	55	20	1
17-18	580	2	9	133	198	101	77	36	21	3
19-20	364	2	10	78	107	77	54	28	7	1
21-22	381	6	12	100	124	72	29	27	9	2
23-24	241	6	8	56	71	47	21	17	13	2
25 and over	8	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	1	-

* 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:
(i) procedure, (ii) complications, 1997**

England and Wales
Non-residents

	Age groups									
	Total	Under 15	15	16-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35-39	40-44	45 and over
All non-residents	9,601	34	101	1,536	3,184	2,189	1,279	878	359	41
(i) Procedures										
Hysterotomy (only)	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
Vacuum aspiration (only)	6,749	10	42	917	2,278	1,627	932	650	261	32
Vacuum aspiration with D and E	1,776	10	29	342	592	366	232	137	65	3
D and E	1,003	11	30	261	301	185	102	78	29	6
Other surgical	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Prostaglandins (only)	7	-	-	2	1	-	1	1	2	-
Prostaglandins with other agents	23	2	-	7	3	4	2	4	1	-
Antiprogestosterone with or without prostaglandin	15	-	-	5	1	3	4	2	-	-
Other medical	23	1	-	2	6	4	6	4	-	-
Other combined methods	2	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
(ii) Reported Complications*	11	-	-	2	2	3	2	2	-	-
Sepsis	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Haemorrhage	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
Perforation	4	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	-	-
Other	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-

* These 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:
gestation by complication, 1997**

England and Wales
Non-residents

Reported complication	All gestations	Total per 1,000 abortions	Gestation weeks					
			Under 13		13-19		20 and over	
			Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions	Number	Per 1,000 abortions
Total	11	1.15	3	0.45	4	1.85	4	4.83
Sepsis	1	0.10	-	-	-	-	1	1.21
Haemorrhage	4	0.42	1	0.15	1	0.46	2	2.42
Perforation	4	0.42	-	-	3	1.39	1	1.21
Other	2	0.21	2	0.30	-	-	-	-

* 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.

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, 1997

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		
2	x					x					x		x	x	x	x					x	
3a	x																					
3b	x									x						x						
4	x																					
5	x									x												
6	x																					
7					x	x																
8						x																
9																						x
10										x												x
11										x												x
12					x	x							x	x								
13		x				x										x						
14		x				x							x									
15a	x																					
15b	x															x						
16																	x					
17						x				x		x	x	x			x					x
18	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

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	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	620.3	1224.0	1549.0	1935.1	2111.2	1925.2	1699.8	1749.0
Single	620.3	1212.4	1332.8	1014.1	597.8	301.6	157.4	110.8
Married/separated	-	11.5	203.9	818.5	1286.7	1341.8	1251.0	1324.5
Divorced	-	0.1	12.1	100.8	221.8	272.2	273.1	277.5
Widowed	-	0.0	0.4	1.9	4.9	9.6	18.2	36.2
(ii) Age-group by regional office area of usual residence								
England and Wales	620.3	1224.0	1549.0	1935.1	2111.2	1925.2	1699.8	1749.0
Wales	36.6	70.5	81.1	97.4	106.2	102.0	93.6	99.7
Northern and Yorkshire	77.4	154.0	188.7	220.1	247.9	233.9	208.2	214.3
Trent	60.1	117.8	149.5	187.2	201.7	186.8	165.8	171.7
Anglia & Oxford	64.7	127.0	160.5	213.7	219.2	198.5	180.0	187.3
North Thames	78.9	167.6	230.9	288.6	320.5	275.8	229.2	225.3
South Thames	76.6	154.2	202.8	267.7	298.7	263.9	225.5	228.4
South and West	77.0	149.4	187.0	228.4	249.0	234.7	215.7	227.2
West Midlands	65.6	127.0	154.0	193.2	207.4	188.9	170.0	176.6
North West	83.3	156.6	194.5	238.8	260.7	240.7	211.7	218.6

† 1997 Population estimates by marital status are based on the 1991 census.