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## Re: Freedom of Information Request – Termination of Pregnancy

Thank you for your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, which was received into this office on 5<sup>th</sup> August 2020.

### You Asked for:

1. Please confirm the organisations commissioned by the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) to provide Termination of Pregnancy (ToP) Services to your patients?
2. Please confirm the end dates of currently commissioned contracts?
3. Are any providers currently within an extension period of their contract?
4. Were contracts awarded through a competitive tender process?
5. What is the form of contract: Any Qualified Provider (AQP) or sole provider?
6. At what percentage of tariff is each provider delivering services?
7. What activity numbers were delivered by each provider, by Healthcare Resource Group (HRG) code, over the past 12 months?
8. Please confirm the annualised actual contract values for each provider for 2019/2020?
9. Please confirm who (if any) providers are providing ToP services to patients without a contract where a patient has exercised their right to choose a provider? What are the activity numbers delivered per provider?
10. What were the average wait times for providers over the past 12 months? (broken down by month and surgical/medical)
11. Do any of the contracted providers sub-contract any parts of the service to an alternative provider? If so, who and what?
12. Does ToP feature on the CCG's commissioning intentions?
13. Who is the senior officer (outside of procurement) responsible for this contract?

### Our Response:

1. Wirral University Teaching Hospital NHS Foundation Trust (WUTH) and the British Pregnancy Advisory Service (BPAS) currently provide this service.
2. WUTH's Termination of Pregnancy (ToP) service forms part of an annually agreed rolling NHS Standard Contract.  
BPAS ToP service is lead commissioned by NHS Halton Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) on behalf of a number of Cheshire and Merseyside CCGs. This contract is also rolling and annually agreed.
3. No.
4. No, the service provided by WUTH forms part of a standard NHS contract.

With regards to the BPAS contract, can I suggest that you contact NHS Halton CCG for further details? I have included their contact details for your information:

NHS Halton CCG FOI email - [haltonccg.foi@nhs.net](mailto:haltonccg.foi@nhs.net)

5. The contract is a rolling annual NHS Standard contract.
6. The contract for WUTH is funded at the National Tariff. The BPAS contract is at a local tariff. If you would like further details, can I suggest that you contact NHS Halton CCG for further details on the contact details that have been provided above.
7. Please see the tables below for information:

### WUTH

Row Labels	Sum of Activity
Dilation and Evacuation, 14 to 20 weeks gestation	6
Dilation and Evacuation, less than 14 weeks gestation	6
Medical or Surgical Termination of Pregnancy, over 20 weeks gestation	10
Medical Termination of Pregnancy, 14 to 20 weeks gestation	14
Medical Termination of Pregnancy, less than 14 weeks gestation	133
Vacuum Aspiration with Cannula, 14 to 20 weeks gestation	2
Vacuum Aspiration with Cannula, less than 14 weeks gestation	172
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>343</b>

### BPAS

Count of Activity	Grand Total
Row Labels	186
TOP, D & E	57
TOP, EMA (SIMULTANEOUS)	30
TOP, EMA (TTO)	330
TOP, EVA	79
TOP, MVA	18
Grand Total	700

8. The annualised actual contract values for 2019/2020 are as follows:
  - WUTH - £315,640
  - BPAS - £210,506
9. No other providers are commissioned outside of the contracts already identified.
10. NHS Wirral CCG is unable to provide the waiting time information for WUTH; however, can I suggest that you contact them directly for this information? I have included their contact details below:

WUTH FOI email – [wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net](mailto:wih-tr.AccessToInformationOffice@nhs.net)

The data in relation to the BPAS contract is shown below. As no definition of waiting times was specified, we have provided the average duration in days, from contact to consultation, contact to treatment and consultation to treatment. All of the BPAS activity is aggregated together. (As an additional caveat, the data is returned on a monthly basis based on date of consultation and date of treatment, therefore average waits are not readily available if the consultation and the treatment are not in the same month.)

	Average wait in days:		
Month	Contact to consultation	Contact to treatment	Consultation to treatment
Aug-19	10.1	16.1	2.7
Sep-19	11.7	12.4	1.3
Oct-19	9.6	14.7	2.6
Nov-19	11.4	11.7	1.6
Dec-19	10	18.1	3.2
Jan-20	10	14.9	2
Feb-20	14.2	18.7	4.4
Mar-20	11.6	16	0.6
Apr-20	9.1	14.8	1.5
May-20	2.2	6.2	1.5
Jun-20	1.4	4.4	1.7
Jul-20	2.2	4.2	1.4

11.No.

12.No.

13.The person responsible for managing these contracts is Martyn Kent, Assistant Director of Commissioning, NHS Wirral CCG.

We hope this information is useful, however if you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Corporate Affairs Team (contact details at the top of this letter)

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