

Freedom of Information Request

1. Who regulates and inspects the abortion services provided by the Trust?

The Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020, which were laid before Parliament on 25 March 2020 and came into force on 31 March 2020, provided a new legal basis for medical professionals in Northern Ireland to terminate pregnancies lawfully.

Under the Regulations the Department of Health, is not required to commission the relevant services, however the Department has advised Trusts that the Regulations require such terminations to be carried out on Health and Social Care premises.

Early Medical Abortion (EMA) pathways were put in place by Trusts starting from April 2020 in line with their statutory duties and functions to provide medical care and treatment in accordance with the needs of patients and subject to the law.

The Interim EMA service, as with all services delivered within the NHSCT is subject to the NHSCT Governance Assurance Framework and is monitored accordingly within a divisional management structure. In addition, all terminations of pregnancies are notified to the Chief Medical Officer for Northern Ireland

2. Please detail the level of stocks of Mifepristone (RU-485), from March 2020 to present and costs associated with procuring Mifepristone to the Trust.

MIFEPRISTONE MAR 20 - PRESENT (TRUSTWIDE)			
	PACK SIZE	NO OF PACKS	COST
TOTAL STOCK PROCURED	3	157	8267.62
STOCK LEVEL 4/2/21	3	66.33	