

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

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Question/s to be Answered

I am writing to you under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 to request the following information from NHS Shetland.

Please can you provide me with a list of all abortion providers, including medical and surgical terminations, in the NHS Shetland area.

In accordance with the spirit of the FOI Act, I would ask that you consider the wording of the request in its broadest sense.

NHS Shetland provides a medical termination of pregnancy service as a shared care service with NHS Grampian for women whose pregnancy is less than 10 weeks. Medication is administered and monitored in Shetland.

If a woman wishes to have a termination of pregnancy at greater than 10 weeks then she is referred to NHS Grampian for a surgical procedure.

Terminations of pregnancy for specific medical reasons are also undertaken in Shetland if appropriate depending on the gestation.

GPs and Consultant Gynaecologists employed by NHS Shetland do not use any other services to provide medical or surgical terminations. If a private provider was required e.g. for a specialist intervention that could not be provided by the NHS, this would be arranged by NHS Grampian as our specialist provider and we would pay for it as an extra contractual referral.