

Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002

DATE RECEIVED	30/05/2022	SUBJECT	Ectopic Pregnancies		
PASSED TO	Information Maternity	DATE PASSED	30/05/2022	RESPOND BY	20/06/2022
CATEGORY	Media	FoI NUMBER	2022-195		

Question/s to be answered

1. How many people received routine surgery for an ectopic pregnancy, each year, for the last 3 years?
 - 1 patient in 2019-20
 - 0 patients in 2020-21
 - 0 patients in 2021-22
2. How many people received emergency surgery for a ruptured ectopic pregnancy, each year, for the last 3 years?
 - 0 patients in 2019-20
 - 0 patients in 2020-21
 - 1 patients in 2021-22
3. How many people received medication to treat an ectopic pregnancy, each year, for the last 3 years?

In accordance with FOISA s 17(1), NHS Shetland confirms that it does not hold the information required to answer this question. Collation of this information would require case note review of all pregnancies over the last 3 financial years to establish which were ectopic and of those, which were managed with Methotrexate (the only medication used in NHS Shetland to treat ectopic pregnancies).

A search of patients who were administered Methotrexate would also require a case note review. Methotrexate is prescribed for various conditions other than ectopic pregnancy and so the review would be required to conclusively exclude these other conditions as being the reason for the prescription of Methotrexate.

In paragraph 46 of the Scottish Information Commissioner's briefing on FOISA s 17 (<https://www.itspublicknowledge.info/sites/default/files/2022-03/BriefingSection17Informationnoheld.pdf>) it is stated that "if collation of the information would require skill and complex judgement, the information is not held." For the reasons stated above, NHS Shetland considers that the collation of the requested information would require skill and complex judgement and so issues this notice that the information requested is not held, in accordance with FOISA s 17(1)