

Publication Summary



Termination of Pregnancy Key Clinical Indicator (KCI)

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About this Release

This is the sixth publication of the termination of pregnancy Key Clinical Indicator (KCI) which monitors the percentage of termination of pregnancy procedures taking place at less than nine completed weeks (i.e. 63 days) gestation per NHS board.

Key Points

- The proportion of early terminations has been rising steadily in more recent years, with 65.2% of all terminations performed at less than 9 completed weeks gestation in 2010. This figure has risen by 3.0 percentage points from 2009 making it the highest it has been for the past decade.
- In 2010 there was a 7.5 percentage point difference between access to early abortions by the least deprived category and the most deprived category which suggests that deprivation continues to have an influence on whether women access services rapidly.

Background

[Respect and Responsibility: Strategy and Action Plan for Improving Sexual Health](#) highlighted the need to monitor sexual health service development both nationally and at an NHS board level. A set of Key Clinical Indicators (KCIs) have been developed for this purpose and are managed/reported by the Data Augmentation for Sexual Health (DASH) project at ISD.

The indicators helped to inform the development of the NHS Quality Improvement Scotland (now known as Healthcare Improvement Scotland) Sexual Health Clinical Standards and NHS boards are encouraged to utilise the KCI reports to monitor their progress against these standards.

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