Abortions to females aged less than 16 years

Purpose:
To reduce the number of unwanted pregnancies.

Definition of indicator and its variants:
Legal terminations of pregnancy.

The crude abortion rate is the number of abortions (NHS and private) per 1,000 females aged 13-15.

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Numerator:

Numerator data:
Pooled number of abortions (NHS and private) to females aged <16 years in the respective 3 year period (2013-2015).

Source of numerator data:
Department of Health (abortions data were obtained from the Department of Health in April 2017).

Comments on numerator data:
Figures for the number of abortions were derived from notification forms returned to the Chief Medical Officer.

Abortion data provided in the Compendium have been disclosure controlled at source.

Denominator:

Denominator data:
Mid-year female population estimates (aged 13-15 years) for the respective three year period (2013-15).

Source of denominator data:
Office for National Statistics (ONS).

Comments on denominator data:
The population figures used are ONS mid-year estimates derived from the 2011 Census.

Statistical methods:

Data on the NHS Digital Indicator Portal have had any required suppression applied. Data that may potentially identify an individual have been suppressed at source (in cells marked with ".."). Further information is available in the "Statistical methods and disclosure control" section of the Indicator Portal.

Interpretation of indicators:

Quality of indicator - Annex 12: Evaluating the quality of Clinical and Health indicators (Statistical methods and disclosure control > Methods section of the NHS Digital Indicator Portal https://indicators.hscic.gov.uk for details) describes the criteria that should be used to judge the quality of this indicator. The application of the criteria is dependent on the context (e.g. describing a single organisation, comparing several organisations) and the level (e.g. national / regional with large numbers of events, local with small numbers of events) at which the data are to be used.
Further reading:


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