Abortion by maternal age group

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 by specific maternal age groups.

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Numerator:
Number of abortions (NHS and private) performed in specific age groups (All ages, <18, 18-19, <20, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35+) in the respective calendar year.

Source of numerator data:
Department of Health.

Comments on numerator data:
Figures for 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:
Mid-year female population (aged 15-44) estimates for the respective calendar year.

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

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

Statistical methods:
In calculating abortion rates for all ages, under 18 and 35 and over, the population denominators used now are 15-44, 15-17 and 35-44 respectively which is in line with the rates published by the Department of Health. Please note that in the previous Compendia rates for all ages, under 18 and 35 and over were based on populations 11-49, 11-17 and 35-49 respectively therefore they are not comparable with the rates currently published.

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 website.

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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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