

Abortion Supervisory Committee

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Dear Mr McCoskrie

OFFICIAL INFORMATION ACT REQUEST

On 8 June 2015 the Ministry of Health transferred your request for information under section 14 of the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Abortion Supervisory Committee (ASC).


Under the Act, you have requested the following information:

- The number of abortions performed on teenagers aged 11-19 since 2000 broken down by year and individual age

Please find attached Table 1, which sets out the total number of induced abortions performed on teenagers from 2000-2014 broken down by individual age. Figures for girls aged 11 to 13 have been combined to ensure the privacy of these girls is maintained as they may be able to be identified or identify themselves in the data.

You have the right, by way of complaint to an Ombudsman under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act 1982, to seek an investigation and review of this response.

Yours sincerely



Rachael Cole
Secretary
Abortion Supervisory Committee

Table 1

**Induced Abortions by Women's Age - 11-19 years
2000-2014**

Age (years)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
11-13	14	10	10	10	15	15	16	10	13	11	8	8	6	5	4
14	60	56	68	79	70	77	89	94	70	68	76	60	45	43	53
15	188	217	210	279	223	238	285	296	261	220	192	170	137	115	93
16	438	406	513	507	545	551	598	637	602	488	440	330	293	204	168
17	629	673	731	776	817	814	871	925	884	789	646	526	477	406	327
18	839	940	957	1,029	972	992	1,043	1,134	1,128	1,133	966	820	718	593	521
19	1,013	1,004	1,191	1,166	1,201	1,123	1,181	1,181	1,222	1,243	1,145	976	864	778	649