

Isle of Wight Joint Strategic Needs Assessment: Core Dataset

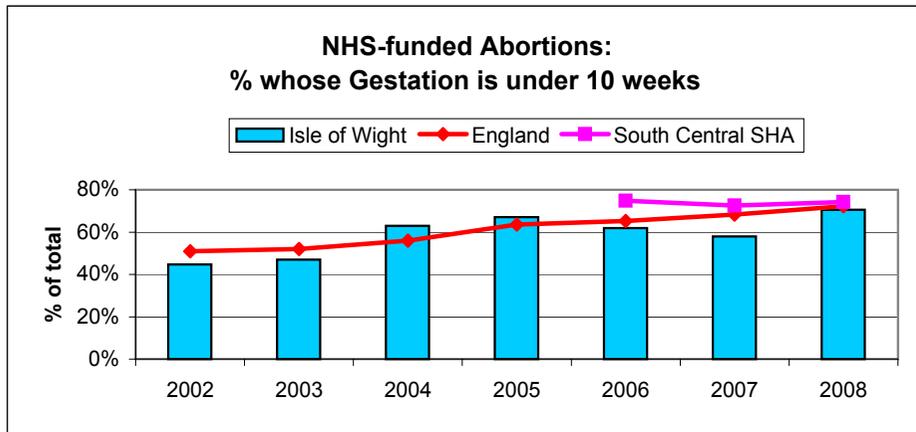
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Domain:	Services	Indicator:	Access to NHS-funded abortions before 10 weeks gestation
Sub-Domain:	Health Services	Indicator References:	JSNA Core Dataset number: 65
Sub-sub- Domain:	Sexual Health	Data Source:	Information Centre for Health and Social Care
		Indicator definition:	see below

% of Women Accessing NHS-Funded Abortions before 10 Weeks Gestation

% of Women Accessing Abortions	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
England	51%	52%	56%	64%	65%	68%	72%
South Central SHA	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	75%	73%	74%
Isle of Wight	45%	47%	63%	67%	62%	58%	71%



COMMENTARY

91% of abortions in England are funded by the NHS, and Department of Health policy is that women are legally entitled to an abortion and should have access to the procedure as soon as possible. Evidence shows that the risk of complications increases the later the gestation. The Department of Health therefore measures the % of NHS-funded abortions which are undertaken before 10 weeks gestation.

The data and chart **above** show the IW % compared with England and South Central Strategic Health Authority. IW access has improved significantly over the period shown and is now similar to that in England and South Central. For part of the period above, there was no local termination service on the Island - this started in December 2004.

INDICATOR DEFINITION

Indicator:	Access to NHS-Funded Abortions before 10 weeks gestation
Definition:	The % of women undergoing NHS-funded abortions before 10 weeks gestation
Numerator (number of people or events)	Number of women undergoing NHS-funded abortions before 10 weeks gestation
Denominator (total population or events)	Resident population for the specified years. Females, All Ages
Geographic Coverage	Primary Care Trust
Time period	As shown above.
Data Source(s)	Department of Health - Abortion Statistics http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/StatisticalWorkAreas/Statisticalpublichealth/index.htm
Significance for Health	Higher rates suggest better access to services. Lower rates suggest worse access to services.
Factors that might affect the Accuracy of this Indicator	Privately-funded abortions are not included in this indicator.