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# Summary

Registered medical practitioners are legally required to notify the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of every abortion performed. The Department of Health receives these notifications on form HSA4 and undertakes the statistical processing and analysis. The Department of Health also process and publish abortion notifications on behalf of the Chief Medical Officer of Wales.

We have published an annual bulletin containing abortion statistics since 2002. Prior to 2002, this data was processed and published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). In this bulletin, we present tables of abortion data for both residents and non-residents of England and Wales, with some information at Primary Care Trust (PCT) and Strategic Health Authority levels (Local Health board in Wales). The tables currently provide the abortion figures broken down by a range of variables: age, marital status, purchaser, statutory grounds, procedure, ethnicity, parity, complications, gestation period, medical conditions and country of residence for women not resident in England or Wales. The data are displayed as counts, percentages or rates. Similar publications for abortions carried out in Scotland are published by the Information Services Division, Scotland.

Under the Code of Practice for Official Statistics, we have an obligation to engage with users of these statistics to understand for what purposes they are used, and to improve their relevance and utility. We also have an obligation to consult with users over any proposed changes to the coverage of our statistics. Therefore, this consultation is aimed at all users of the abortion statistics bulletins to understand how these reports are used, to seek comments on how we should continue to maintain user engagement, and to ensure that they continue to meet user requirements. We are also seeking users' opinions specifically about the geographical breakdown of the statistics produced.

Under the health reforms, PCTs' responsibilities for the commissioning of abortion services will transfer to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) from 1 April 2013, whilst Local Authorities (LAs) will assume responsibility for the commissioning of other sexual health services (except for HIV treatment and care) and for many other public health services. PCTs and SHAs will cease to exist. We therefore anticipate an interest among users for information for CCGs and LAs and no longer a need for information for PCTs. Detailed figures cannot be released for CCGs, LAs and PCTs because of the risk of disclosure through differencing between figures for the two sets of geographical boundaries. We therefore propose to discontinue the production of information for PCTs and SHAs; and instead switch to presenting the data for CCGs, whilst additionally providing as much data at LA level as possible, given the need to avoid disclosure. We propose introducing the change for the next report, covering the year 2012, to support the analyses that users will be interested in carrying out relating to the new organisations.

The Abortion Statistics Bulletin has traditionally covered both England and Wales. We seek views on whether we should focus instead on England.

The overall aims of this consultation are to ensure that the reports remain as relevant and as useful to users as possible whilst maximising value for money. All responses received will be used to help the Department of Health to develop the Abortion Statistics Bulletin; however, they will need to be balanced against increasing resource pressures within the Department.

# Background

## National Statistics

Statisticians in the Department of Health aim to follow best practice when producing statistics. We want to collect the right data, process the data in a thorough way, and publish figures that are as useful as possible for everyone who wants to use them.

For all our statistical publications, we aim to follow the 'Code of Practice for Official Statistics'. Some of our figures are listed as 'National Statistics' and for those we must follow these rules. This ensures that our National Statistics meet the highest standards for statistical publications.

As part of our responsibilities under the Code of Practice, we want to work with people who use the figures to find out what they use them for and to make sure that publications are as useful as they can be. There is a value for money consideration too. We need to strike a balance between the figures that users want and the amount of resource needed to produce them.

We have a responsibility under these rules to consult users before making any changes that affect the National Statistics we publish. We are launching this consultation to ensure that these reports remain as relevant and useful as possible.

## The Abortion Statistics Bulletin

This report is produced annually. The Department of Health has published this bulletin since 2002; prior to 2002, this data was processed and published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS). Reports for 2002 – 2011 can be found using the links below:

Annual report 2011

<http://transparency.dh.gov.uk/2012/05/29/abortion-statistics-2011/>

Annual reports 2002 - 2010:

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20130107105354/http://www.dh.gov.uk/en/Publicationsandstatistics/Statistics/StatisticalWorkAreas/Statisticalpublichealth/index.htm>

Annual reports 1991 – 2001:

Available on request from [abortion.statistics@dh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:abortion.statistics@dh.gsi.gov.uk)

The bulletin provides tables of abortion data for residents of England and Wales and non-residents of England and Wales, with some information at Primary Care Trust and Strategic Health Authority levels (Local Health Board in Wales). The bulletin is reviewed each year and the detail in the publication has evolved based on policy developments, users' suggestions and frequently asked data requests. The tables currently provide the abortion figures broken down by a range of variables: age, marital status, purchaser, statutory grounds, procedure, ethnicity, parity, complications, gestation period, medical conditions and country of residence for women not resident in England and Wales. The data are displayed as counts, percentages or rates.

## Where do we get the data from?

Registered medical practitioners are legally required to notify the Chief Medical Officer (CMO) of every abortion performed. The Department of Health receives these notifications on form HSA4 and undertakes the statistical processing and analysis. The Department of Health also process and publish abortion notifications on behalf of the Chief Medical Officer of Wales.

The Department of Health uses a thorough process for recording and monitoring information received on Abortion Notification form HSA4. Checks on the forms assist in monitoring the Abortion Act and ensuring that best practice guidance from the Department of Health is followed. The resulting data are used in the calculation of conception statistics by the ONS and are used to inform policy and to improve service provision, in areas such as teenage conceptions, rubella in pregnancy and reducing repeat abortions, for example.

The HSA4 forms contain sensitive personal data. All releases of abortion statistics outputs are subject to the disclosure controls. The data are published and released in accordance with the Department's responsibilities for providing information under the Freedom of Information Act, within the constraints of the Department's responsibilities for protecting personal data under the Data Protection Act.

## Related statistics

Quarterly abortion statistics were published by the Office for National Statistics (ONS) in Table 4.2 of their Vital Statistics: Population and Health Reference Tables (formerly HSQ Reference Tables). The ONS reviewed all their reference tables and based on users views and the low number of 'hits' on the web page, decided to no longer publish Table 4.2. However, the Office for National Statistics still publish quarterly information in the Reference Tables on the percentage of conceptions terminated by abortion, as part of other information about conceptions.



# Proposals

## Annual report and user engagement

A statistical bulletin is published each year, typically in May or June. The bulletin provides tables of abortion data for residents of England and Wales and non-residents of England and Wales, with some information at Primary Care Organisation and Strategic Health Authority levels (Local Health Board in Wales). The tables provide the abortion figures broken down by a range of variables: age, marital status, purchaser, statutory grounds, procedure, ethnicity, parity, complications, gestation period, medical conditions and country of residence for women not resident in England and Wales.

Effective engagement with users is fundamental in deriving maximum value from the statistics. We seek feedback from users on their experiences of the statistical products and services through requests placed on the website and adhoc requests sent to the abortion statistics email. In addition, the Department has regular meetings with the Office of National Statistics, Welsh Government and Department for Education. Abortion issues are also regularly discussed at meetings with NHS colleagues and the Sexual Health Forum, which includes a range of stakeholder organisations including professional bodies, third sector, academic, educational, local government and special interest groups. We receive feedback from provider organisations, often opportunistically following discussions about data submissions.

- 1. Do you make use of the annual abortion statistics publication? If so, for what purpose(s)?**
- 2. Which sections of the publication do you find most and least useful? And why?**
- 3. How could we improve the publication, both in terms of the format and the inclusion of any additional statistics or information? (Please give reasons)**
- 4. What should we do to engage more effectively with users of abortion statistics?**

## Geography

### Coverage of England and Wales

The abortion statistics publication largely contains totals for England and Wales, with only a few tables giving separate totals for England and Wales (and for health areas within England and Wales). Some Wales-only figures are published in the Health Statistics Wales annual publication (Welsh abortions statistics 2011). The publication of detailed totals for England and Wales limits what we can release for England, because publishing both would enable the deduction of disclosive information for Welsh residents through differencing. We are interested

in understanding whether users would find it more helpful if the Department's abortion statistics bulletin focused on England, with figures for Wales published separately.

As was done in the 2011 report, we would include some figures within the annual report for Great Britain to facilitate comparison, subject to support from the other administrations.

- 5. Should the Department of Health's publication focus on figures for England rather than England and Wales? (Please explain why)**
- 6. Are there any specific tables in the publication that you would find important to retain coverage for England and Wales tables? If so, why?**

### Present 2012 data by PCT, CCG or LA

Some of the tables within the annual report provide breakdowns by Primary Care Trust and Strategic Health Authority. Under the health reforms, PCTs and SHAs will cease to exist and PCTs' responsibilities for the commissioning of abortion services will transfer to Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs). We therefore anticipate a strong interest among users for information for CCGs and a reduction in interest for information for PCTs.

However, we also expect there to be significant demand for information for Local Authorities. LAs will assume responsibility for the commissioning of other sexual health services (except for HIV treatment and care) and for many other public health services. Additionally, there are plans to consult on the future commissioning of abortion services. Ideally, to meet all users' needs, we would present 2012 data by PCT, CCG and LA. However, detailed figures cannot be released for PCT, CCGs and LAs because of the risk of disclosure through differencing.

We therefore propose to discontinue the production of information for PCTs and SHAs; and instead switch to presenting the data for CCGs, as the commissioner of abortion services, whilst additionally providing as much data at LA level as possible, given the need to avoid disclosure. Once the primary geography breakdown is decided, this will apply to all abortion statistics outputs – the annual publication, adhoc data requests, parliamentary questions and FOI requests. We are therefore keen to hear from users about whether CCGs or LAs should be adopted as the primary breakdown.

Annex A provides analysis of CCG and LA boundary differencing and shows potential suppressions that would be applied.

We propose introducing the move away from PCTs for the next report, covering the year 2012. Whilst the new responsibilities were not in place in 2012, they are now and so the demand for

information relating to the new arrangements already exists. We would provide as much information as possible at CCG and LA level for previous years to facilitate comparisons over time. However, this would be limited by the fact that PCT information is already in the public domain for previous years, and full detail breakdowns cannot be released by PCT, CCG and LA. This would provide commissioners and other users with baseline data from which to plan and build a time series to monitor performance.

- 7. Do you agree with the proposal to publish information by CCG and LA instead of PCT? Why?**
- 8. Do you agree with the proposal to adopt CCGs as the primary breakdown, whilst presenting as much information as possible for LAs?**
- 9. Do you agree with the proposal to switch from PCT to CCG for the next report? Why?**

# Consultation Questions

## Annual report and user engagement

- 1. Do you make use of the annual abortion statistics publication? If so, for what purpose(s)?**
- 2. Which sections of the publication do you find most and least useful? And why?**
- 3. How could we improve the publication, both in terms of the format and the inclusion of any additional statistics or information? (Please give reasons)**
- 4. What should we do to engage more effectively with users of abortion statistics?**

## Geographical coverage and breakdown

- 5. Should the Department of Health's publication focus on figures for England rather than England and Wales? (Please explain why)**
- 6. Are there any specific tables in the publication that you would find important to retain coverage for England and Wales tables? If so, why?**
- 7. Do you agree with the proposal to publish information by CCG and LA instead of PCT? Why?**
- 8. Do you agree with the proposal to adopt CCGs as the primary breakdown, whilst presenting as much information as possible for LAs?**
- 9. Do you agree with the proposal to switch from PCT to CCG for the next report? Why?**

## Timetable

This consultation opens on 15 April 2013 and will close on 10 June 2013. We invite responses from anyone who uses our statistics, including any NHS employees, representative organisations or members of the public with an interest. Interested parties are asked to comment on the consultation questions using this link:

<http://www.consultations.dh.gov.uk/>

Details of other ways to submit your response can be found in **Annex B**, whilst **Annex C** contains information about the consultation process.

## Links

Scottish Office abortion statistics publication:

<http://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Sexual-Health/Abortions/>

Welsh abortion statistics publication:

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2012/120529/?lang=en>

Conception statistics publication:

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/taxonomy/index.html?nscl=Conceptions>

## Annex A: Analysis of disclosure through differencing

### Two different geographic boundaries – CCG and LA

If data are provided by both LAs and CCGs, their differing geographic boundaries will result in a distinct set of areas for which data can be derived. There are over 400 ‘determinable areas’ and the size of their relevant populations (that is, females aged 15-44) range from less than 250 to over 100,000. Data for some of these areas – particularly the areas with populations at the lower end of the spectrum – would be disclosive.

For example, an LA may overlap two CCGs, with the majority of its residents in the first CCG and a small minority in a second CCG. The determinable area created by this overlap into the second CCG may have a small population. Correspondingly, the same issue may occur for CCGs that overlap with multiple LAs.

Mapping LAs and CCGs (as at Feb 2013) found that 13 determinable areas have female populations aged 15-44 of less than 1000. The risk of disclosure associated with abortion figures for populations below 1000 is such that their publication would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act. Table A shows the determinable areas with the CCGs and LAs that they consist of.

**Table A**

CCG1	CCG 2	LA 1	LA 2	Population
NHS West Kent	n/a	Rother	n/a	220
NHS Kernow	n/a	Isles of Scilly*	n/a	266
NHS West Essex	n/a	Braintree	n/a	415
NHS Nottingham North & East	n/a	Broxtowe	n/a	484
NHS Rushcliffe	n/a	North West Leicestershire	n/a	642
NHS Brighton & Hove	n/a	Lewes	Adur	758
NHS Wyre Forest	n/a	Bromsgrove	n/a	810
NHS Greater Preston	n/a	Fylde	Wyre	828
NHS Milton Keynes	n/a	Aylesbury Vale	n/a	838
NHS Fareham and Gosport	n/a	Winchester	n/a	840
NHS Cumbria CCG	n/a	Craven	n/a	878
NHS Swindon CCG	n/a	Vale of White Horse	n/a	914
NHS Brighton & Hove CCG	NHS Horsham and Mid Sussex CCG	Lewes	n/a	973

If the recommendations in this consultation document are adopted, then we would publish total abortions for all LAs and CCGs with the exception of LAs that are constituent in determinable

areas with applicable populations of less than 1000. Data for these LAs would be suppressed. It may be necessary to carry out secondary suppression on other areas to prevent disclosure.

Table B extends this analysis and shows the restrictions that would be imposed on providing data for younger age groups. It shows the determinable areas that have female populations aged 13-15 of less than 1800. The risk of disclosure associated with abortion figures for these populations is such that their publication would constitute a breach of the Data Protection Act. 167 determinable areas have a female population aged 13-15 of less than 1800. These 167 areas comprise of 90 different CCGs and 139 different LAs. As above, data for these LAs would be suppressed, along with any others where secondary suppression is required. We would give consideration to reducing the degree of suppression required by offering figures for a wider age range.



**Table B**

CCG 1	CCG 2	CCG 3	LA 1	LA 2	LA 3	LA 4	Pop. 13-15	Pop. 15-17	Pop. 18-19	Pop. 20-24	Pop. 25-29	Pop. 30-34	Pop. 35-44	Pop. 15-44
West Kent			Rother				18	24	10	29	14	34	109	220
Kernow			Isles of Scilly				35	32	13	43	28	23	127	266
West Essex			Braintree				58	48	25	53	53	52	184	415
Nottingham North & East			Broxtowe				34	47	34	61	60	89	193	484
Rushcliffe			North West Leicestershire				37	38	30	208	82	99	185	642
Brighton & Hove			Lewes	Adur			90	81	38	80	88	111	360	758
Wyre Forest			Bromsgrove				117	99	71	81	77	87	395	810
Greater Preston			Fylde	Wyre			106	88	52	140	99	100	349	828
Milton Keynes			Aylesbury Vale				97	102	49	78	64	116	429	838
Fareham and Gosport			Winchester				50	50	29	101	147	142	371	840
Cumbria			Craven				123	116	62	121	88	94	397	878
Swindon			Vale of White Horse				72	53	50	84	99	176	452	914
Brighton & Hove	Horsham and Mid Sussex		Lewes				132	111	53	101	92	123	493	973
Stoke on Trent			Staffordshire Moorlands				134	141	76	146	105	147	535	1150
Aylesbury Vale			South Oxfordshire				155	142	81	156	154	182	605	1320
East Staffordshire			Lichfield				190	169	94	168	162	227	754	1574
Greater Preston			Ribble Valley				209	225	131	313	256	245	809	1979
Aylesbury Vale			Wycombe				280	282	156	298	262	300	1051	2349
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough			East Northamptonshire				414	504	171	228	213	290	1105	2511
Lancashire North			Wyre				260	347	216	355	313	258	1050	2539
Medway			Gravesham	Maidstone	Swale	Tonbridge and Malling	329	296	178	364	363	422	1259	2882
Stafford and Surrounds			South Staffordshire				335	354	214	404	355	362	1372	3061
Southern Derbyshire			Erewash				327	358	245	378	386	412	1315	3094
City and Hackney			City of London				60	80	106	498	929	712	907	3232
West Norfolk			Breckland				358	334	209	454	440	471	1361	3269
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough			North Hertfordshire				317	309	175	384	543	579	1394	3384
Bracknell and Ascot			Windsor and Maidenhead				624	621	267	310	319	467	1467	3451
Vale of York			East Riding of Yorkshire				377	357	210	406	441	485	1585	3484
North Hampshire			Hart				404	400	190	421	558	556	1795	3920

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Lincolnshire East			South Holland	West Lindsey			529	529	272	561	481	547	1728	4118
Southern Derbyshire			Derbyshire Dales				524	502	245	474	439	507	1955	4122
Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead			Runnymede				117	126	843	2362	516	279	564	4690
Somerset			West Somerset				526	553	371	901	580	489	1889	4783
Canterbury and Coastal	Medway		Swale				543	551	326	801	853	852	2454	5837
North Derbyshire			Derbyshire Dales				715	746	379	703	685	787	2822	6122
Vale of York			Hambleton	Ryedale			761	785	421	717	738	732	2729	6122
East Leicestershire and Rutland			Rutland				902	1133	635	638	435	776	2531	6148
Nottingham North & East			Ashfield				567	513	364	983	946	981	2383	6170
Cannock Chase			Lichfield	South Staffordshire			647	693	436	962	852	756	2535	6234
Tameside and Glossop			High Peak				587	594	430	917	952	919	2655	6467
Dorset			Christchurch				732	777	459	929	891	872	2816	6744
Dorset			Purbeck				752	778	462	970	1009	955	2783	6957
North East Hampshire and Farnham			Waverley				745	770	580	1011	743	1133	3297	7534
Airedale, Wharfedale and Craven			Craven				937	910	520	981	907	946	3363	7627
North, East, West Devon			West Devon				942	974	575	940	886	1024	3355	7754
East Lancashire			Ribble Valley				935	973	483	928	876	969	3540	7769
Cumbria			Eden				863	895	534	1060	910	1044	3654	8097
Canterbury and Coastal			Ashford	Dover	Swale		805	853	527	1087	1083	1159	3524	8233
Scarborough and Ryedale	Vale of York		Ryedale				1020	1051	563	1162	1127	1104	3578	8585
East Leicestershire and Rutland			Melton				883	857	526	1231	1125	1153	3733	8625
Greater Preston			South Ribble				826	931	546	1362	1166	1204	3729	8938
Dorset			North Dorset				1420	1460	679	729	886	1213	4149	9116
North & West Reading			West Berkshire				1038	1155	571	1002	984	1402	4124	9238
Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby			Richmondshire				851	834	530	1365	1417	1484	3706	9336
Lincolnshire East			Boston				952	1045	671	1563	1411	1356	3778	9824
Norwich			Broadland				988	964	553	1269	1410	1478	4175	9849
North & West Reading			Reading				896	901	646	1433	1533	1634	3850	9997

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Dorset			Weymouth and Portland				1071	1143	723	1606	1348	1265	3949	10034
North, East, West Devon			Torridge				1150	1208	691	1331	1284	1439	4226	10179
North Derbyshire			High Peak				998	1011	707	1510	1322	1354	4350	10254
Mid Essex			Maldon				1139	1110	641	1342	1205	1413	4792	10503
North Norfolk			Broadland				1120	1101	622	1273	1338	1516	4726	10576
Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford			Lewes	Wealden			1264	1283	739	1333	1260	1429	4661	10705
Corby			Corby				1019	1099	718	1713	1732	1583	3906	10751
Brighton & Hove	Coastal West Sussex		Adur				1120	1186	718	1454	1425	1720	4297	10800
Warwickshire North			North Warwickshire				1088	1082	719	1590	1570	1622	4475	11058
North Derbyshire			Bolsover	North East Derbyshire			1150	1169	739	1487	1488	1536	4862	11281
South Worcestershire			Malvern Hills				1509	1693	933	1138	1026	1487	5040	11317
Chorley and South Ribble			South Ribble				1034	1027	669	1738	1872	1770	4284	11360
East Leicestershire and Rutland			Oadby and Wigston				1105	1158	1387	2190	1607	1340	3782	11464
Greater Preston	Fylde & Wyre		Fylde				1265	1268	762	1633	1603	1528	4996	11790
Hastings & Rother			Rother	Wealden			1521	1455	878	1537	1417	1545	4972	11804
Hastings & Rother	High Weald Lewes Havens		Rother				1536	1468	877	1543	1413	1574	5026	11901
Cumbria			Copeland				1183	1200	764	1702	1722	1766	4811	11965
Chiltern			South Bucks				1218	1276	609	1420	1666	1893	5140	12004
Dorset			East Dorset				1537	1571	838	1539	1420	1406	5463	12237
North, East, West Devon			Mid Devon				1447	1422	795	1405	1642	1794	5199	12257
North, East, West Devon			South Hams				1444	1478	900	1738	1510	1516	5370	12512
North East Hampshire and Farnham			Hart				1280	1213	623	1388	1692	2133	5760	12809
West Suffolk			Forest Heath				1109	1123	807	2044	2296	2151	4450	12871
East Lancashire			Rossendale				1343	1441	882	1864	1815	1933	5109	13044
Nene			East Northamptonshire				1410	1498	741	1497	1601	2051	5743	13131
Cumbria			Barrow-in-Furness				1308	1428	832	2028	2023	1762	5079	13152
Gloucestershire			Cotswold				1589	1585	950	1857	1344	1728	5881	13345
Guildford and Waverley			Waverley				1485	1734	1006	1359	1267	2111	5910	13387
West Essex			Uttlesford				1603	1583	820	1545	1692	1853	5894	13387
Ipswich and East Suffolk	West Suffolk		Babergh				1749	1696	906	1537	1637	1881	5894	13551

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Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby	Vale of York		Hambleton				1467	1515	895	1765	1801	1745	5897	13618
Lincolnshire East	South Lincolnshire		South Holland				1515	1518	843	1897	1730	2003	5757	13748
Gloucestershire			Forest of Dean				1473	1518	1069	2089	1815	1736	5602	13829
Basildon and Brentwood			Brentwood				1408	1430	785	1884	2123	2126	5558	13906
North Norfolk			North Norfolk				1642	1622	909	1829	1918	1793	5847	13918
Nene			Daventry				1464	1571	898	1729	1676	1869	6176	13919
Nene			Wellingborough				1331	1347	830	1938	2103	2155	5590	13963
East Surrey	Guildford and Waverley	Surrey Downs	Mole Valley				1475	1573	893	1689	1670	2100	6109	14034
Hardwick	North Derbyshire		Bolsover				1396	1358	837	2052	2145	1947	5714	14053
South Eastern Hampshire			East Hampshire	Winchester			1712	1723	939	1764	1793	1830	6109	14158
East Leicestershire and Rutland	West Leicestershire		Harborough				1612	1619	848	1584	1590	1916	6627	14184
East Surrey	Horsham and Mid Sussex		Tandridge				1769	1818	910	1534	1653	2144	6258	14317
Gloucestershire			Tewkesbury				1354	1373	817	1883	2103	2230	5924	14330
Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford	High Weald Lewes Havens		Lewes				1497	1572	960	1988	1910	1984	6019	14433
Castle Point and Rochford			Rochford				1565	1615	935	1968	1837	2088	6039	14482
North, East, West Devon			North Devon				1646	1701	947	1982	1895	1973	6025	14523
North West Surrey			Elmbridge	Guildford	Surrey Heath		1277	1238	604	1489	2037	2764	6429	14561
North Staffordshire			Staffordshire Moorlands				1588	1592	968	1993	1839	1940	6278	14610
Cannock Chase	South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsular		South Staffordshire				1580	1671	1035	2220	1983	1799	6005	14713
Surrey Downs			Epsom and Ewell				1374	1401	926	2302	2037	2260	5902	14828
Redditch and Bromsgrove			Bromsgrove				1627	1603	974	1820	1869	2095	6608	14969
Castle Point and Rochford			Castle Point				1609	1699	1111	2454	2052	1939	5817	15072
Hambleton, Richmondshire and Whitby			Hambleton	Scarborough			1636	1700	1021	2111	2061	1928	6326	15147
Ipswich and East Suffolk	West Suffolk		Mid Suffolk				1699	1637	874	1941	1945	2142	6613	15152
North West Surrey			Runnymede				1129	1194	743	2016	2845	2705	5662	15165
Lincolnshire East	Lincolnshire West		West Lindsey				1759	1769	1073	2186	1932	2012	6210	15182
Fareham and Gosport			Gosport				1350	1447	884	2445	2547	2334	5545	15202

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Redditch and Bromsgrove			Redditch				1391	1415	918	2176	2552	2529	5655	15245
South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsular			Tamworth				1484	1525	956	2424	2404	2250	5698	15257
Vale of York			Selby				1576	1771	1108	1962	1803	2231	6403	15278
Cannock Chase	South East Staffs and Seisdon Peninsular		Lichfield				1574	1704	942	1995	2177	2299	6358	15475
East Lancashire			Hyndburn				1669	1690	1065	2449	2411	2329	5645	15589
Nene			South Northamptonshire				1715	1671	885	1622	1865	2304	7274	15621
West Leicestershire			North West Leicestershire				1493	1473	979	1927	2157	2363	6750	15649
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough			Fenland				1581	1640	957	2238	2247	2224	6346	15652
Cumbria			Allerdale				1652	1695	1017	2030	2137	2125	6686	15690
North West Surrey	Surrey Heath		Surrey Heath				1605	1613	860	1834	2045	2364	6983	15699
Greater Preston	Fylde & Wyre		Wyre East				1615	1704	1043	2389	2220	2083	6318	15757
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough			Cambridgeshire				1495	1379	804	1802	2384	2726	6673	15768
East Lancashire			Burnley				1589	1656	1222	2868	2543	2347	5817	16453
Hastings & Rother			Hastings				1557	1688	1182	2627	2427	2527	6193	16644
Mansfield & Ashfield			Ashfield				1540	1558	1069	2519	2490	2532	6513	16681
Hardwick	North Derbyshire		North East Derbyshire				1682	1719	1089	2365	2272	2343	6910	16698
Herts Valleys			Three Rivers				1783	1788	863	2013	2294	2867	6996	16821
East Lancashire			Pendle				1715	1758	1205	2756	2757	2514	5856	16846
Wyre Forest			Wyre Forest				1574	1643	1048	2492	2436	2455	6852	16926
East and North Hertfordshire			Stevenage				1425	1533	1002	2546	3033	2693	6147	16954
East Leicestershire and Rutland	West Leicestershire		Blaby				1721	1672	974	2250	2444	2659	7072	17071
Great Yarmouth & Waveney			Great Yarmouth				1638	1642	1137	2804	2679	2468	6356	17086
West Essex			Harlow				1431	1344	975	2597	3400	3016	5895	17227
Nene			Kettering				1581	1595	956	2352	2681	2749	6920	17253
Ashford	South Kent Coast		Shepway				1702	1795	1084	2524	2574	2602	6838	17417
Hartlepool and Stockton-on-Tees			Hartlepool				1746	1803	1149	2941	2844	2582	6259	17578
Eastbourne, Hailsham and Seaford			Eastbourne				1621	1648	1202	3061	3011	2678	6030	17630
Surrey Heath			Guildford	Surrey Heath			1647	1684	980	2224	2525	2847	7507	17767
Hambleton,	Scarborough and		Scarborough				1773	1735	1370	3208	2529	2298	6671	17811

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Richmondshire and Whitby	Ryedale													
North West Surrey East and North			Spelthorne				1510	1560	950	2463	2799	3084	7306	18162
Hertfordshire			Broxbourne				1681	1765	1076	2586	2897	2956	7036	18316
Bradford City			Bradford				1679	1640	1267	4407	3880	2969	4289	18452
Cannock Chase			Cannock Chase				1735	1750	1192	2828	2878	2689	7381	18718
North Derbyshire			Chesterfield				1708	1850	1155	2720	2856	2833	7394	18808
Erewash			Erewash				1720	1793	1169	2833	2878	2889	7277	18839
West London (K&C & QPP)			Westminster				660	682	578	2897	4657	4516	5530	18860
Coastal West Sussex			Worthing				1605	1612	1015	2596	2836	3289	7556	18904
Darlington			Darlington				1788	1775	1132	2805	2968	3008	7222	18910
North West Surrey			Woking				1554	1596	924	2252	2973	3495	7793	19033
West Leicestershire			Hinckley and Bosworth				1756	1779	1110	2609	2841	2925	7789	19053
Herts Valleys			Watford				1480	1484	923	2638	3964	3689	6711	19409
Cumbria			Carlisle				1687	1780	1416	3399	3077	2748	7117	19537
South Worcestershire			Worcester				1609	1668	1319	3355	3295	3363	7129	20129
North East Hampshire and Farnham			Rushmoor				1532	1703	1108	3074	3609	3554	7278	20326
Dartford, Gravesham and Swanley			Dartford				1747	1722	1081	2852	3782	3652	7405	20494
Lincolnshire West			Lincoln				1363	1524	2356	6042	3425	2523	5401	21271
Nottingham West			Broxtowe				1769	1835	1331	3395	3824	3505	7805	21695
South Reading			Reading				1361	1421	1679	8065	6036	4005	6564	27770
North, East, West Devon			Exeter				1711	1791	2663	7586	5374	3719	7469	28602
Cambridgeshire and Peterborough			Cambridge				1543	1844	3209	9914	6431	3857	7676	32931
Newcastle North and East			Newcastle upon Tyne				1735	1816	3119	12983	6815	4008	7555	36296
Norwich			Norwich				1692	1842	2632	10228	8248	5185	8233	36368
Central London (Westminster)			Westminster				1645	1606	2067	8882	12722	11663	14432	51372

# Annex B: Responding to the consultation

The consultation period will run from **15 April 2013** until **10 June 2013**.

Our preferred method of receiving your response is via our electronic consultation questionnaire, which can be found via the following link:

<http://www.consultations.dh.gov.uk/>

Alternatively, you may complete the response form, found alongside this consultation document. If possible, we would prefer this form to be returned to us electronically as an email attachment. The email address for responses or queries is **nazeema.momin@dh.gsi.gov.uk**.

Postal responses can be sent to:

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A hard copy of this consultation document, is available on request, using the email address or telephone number given above.

If you have any questions about the content of this consultation then please send them to **nazeema.momin@dh.gsi.gov.uk**.

# Annex C: The consultation process

## Comments on the consultation process itself

If you have concerns or comments which you would like to make relating specifically to the consultation process itself please contact

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**Please do not send consultation responses to this address.**

## Confidentiality of information

We manage the information you provide in response to this consultation in accordance with the Department of Health's Information Charter.

Information we receive, including personal information, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information regimes (primarily the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA), the Data Protection Act 1998 (DPA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004).

If you want the information that you provide to be treated as confidential, please be aware that, under the FOIA, there is a statutory Code of Practice with which public authorities must comply and which deals, amongst other things, with obligations of confidence. In view of this, it would be helpful if you could explain to us why you regard the information you have provided as confidential. If we receive a request for disclosure of the information we will take full account of your explanation, but we cannot give an assurance that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances. An automatic confidentiality disclaimer generated by your IT system will not, in itself, be regarded as binding on the Department.

The Department will process your personal data in accordance with the DPA and in most circumstances this will mean that your personal data will not be disclosed to third parties.



