



Having an abortion in North Devon

There are two types of abortion: medical and surgical. Medical abortion can be carried out up to 9 weeks of pregnancy. This is counted as the time since the first day of your last normal period. Surgical abortions can be carried out from 7 to 12 weeks of pregnancy. After this period a different type of medical termination can be carried out at North Devon District Hospital (NDDH). If you were more than 17 weeks and less than 20 weeks pregnant you would be referred out of the area for the procedure.

Sometimes it can be difficult to tell how pregnant you are and you will always have an ultrasound scan to determine your exact dates.

Early medical abortion (sometimes called EMA) involves taking drugs to cause an early miscarriage. It does not involve surgery or an anaesthetic and you will need three appointments. The first is an assessment – the abortion will not be carried out at this visit. You will need two more appointments on two separate days. You should be able to carry out your usuTm[(Ha)-8(1 0 0470()TJETBT1 0 0 1 56.64 318.53 Tm§ies.64 318.1)]TJETMC /P AMC27

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Have your say

Northern Devon Healthcare NHS Trust aims to provide high quality services. However, please tell us when something could be improved. If you have a comment or compliment about a service or treatment, please raise your comments with a member of staff or the PALS team in the first instance.

'Care Opinion' comments forms are on all wards or online at www.careopinion.org.uk.

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