

FOI 3182

15<sup>th</sup> July 2025**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST**

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I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to The Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020, specifically Part 7 – Conscientious Objection

(<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2020/345/part/7/made>).

I would be grateful if you could provide the following information:

1. **The number of healthcare professionals in the Southern Trust who have formally declared a conscientious objection to participating in treatment authorised under these Regulations.**

**Response:**

Within maternity services the number of health care professionals who have formally declared a conscientious objection to participating in treatment authorised under the Abortion (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2020, specifically Part 7 is 60 staff.

2. **Details of how the Southern Trust are managing conscientious objection, including any specific policies or procedures currently in place.**

**Response:**

Currently the Trust do not have any specific policies or procedures in place for managing conscientious objection.

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