Information for patients – abortion services

This fact sheet provides information on abortion services available in Western Australia¹.

What is an abortion?

The process to end a pregnancy is called abortion. Abortion is legal in Western Australia.

Depending on how far pregnant you are (the gestation), the type of abortion care may be different. How far along a pregnancy is can be calculated from the first day of your last menstrual period.

Generally, the earlier you have an abortion the safer it is. This is why it is important to discuss your pregnancy and your options with a health care provider as early as possible.

Where do I go for abortion services?

A state wide abortion care helpline can be contacted on **1800 4 CHOICE** (**1800 424 642**). This service provides phone support, information, and emotional support and counselling, for consumers and health professionals on abortion procedures, available options, and local service providers. The service is provided 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday (excluding public holidays).

Below is a list of some providers of abortion care with information about the services they provide.

If your pregnancy is less than 9 weeks (63 days), you may also be able to access an early medical abortion (using tablets only) in your community. Some General Practitioners (GP), nurse practitioners and endorsed midwives offer this service. It is best to phone your local primary care provider (GP clinic, aboriginal medical service, or women's health clinic) and ask if they offer an abortion service.

The cost of an abortion will depend on how far pregnant you are, whether you have a medical or surgical abortion and where you have the procedure. Some services are private and may incur a fee. Medicare may cover some of the cost and the fee may be less if you are eligible for Medicare benefits. Please contact your preferred service for more information on cost. Talk to your health care provider if you are unable to afford an abortion as you might be able to receive financial assistance via King Edward Memorial Hospital.

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Perth metropolitan area

Service	Address	Contact details	Additional information
Fremantle Women's Health Centre	114 South Street Fremantle WA 6160	(08) 9431 0500 www.fwhc.org.au	Medical abortion for pregnancies up to 9 weeks
Luma, For Her Health and Wellbeing	Northbridge: 227 Newcastle Street, Northbridge, WA 6003 Joondalup: 8/189 Lakeside Drive Joondalup, WA 6027	(08) 6330 5400 1800 998 399 (freecall outside Perth metro area) www.luma.org.au	Medical abortion for pregnancies up to 9 weeks
MSI Australia (Perth Clinic)	8 Sayer Street Midland WA 6056	1300 003 707 www.msiaustralia.org.au	Medical abortion for pregnancies up to 9 weeks in clinic Surgical abortion for pregnancies less than
MSI Australia	Via telehealth	1300 405 568	20 weeks Medical abortion up to 9 weeks by telehealth is available statewide. Abortion medicines and other needs delivered to home or available at local pharmacies.

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Service	Address	Contact details	Additional information
Nanyara Medical Group	2 Cleaver Terrace Rivervale WA 6103	(08) 9277 6070	Medical abortion for pregnancies up to 7 weeks
			Surgical abortion for pregnancies up to 13 weeks
Sexual Health Quarters (SHQ)	70 Roe Street Northbridge WA 6003 4 Civic Blvd, Rockingham WA 6168	(08) 9227 6177 www.shq.org.au	Medical abortion for pregnancies up to 9 weeks
King Edward Memorial Hospital	274 Bagot Road Subiaco WA 6008	(08) 9340 2222	Provides complex abortion care including: <14 years of age high risk <20 weeks gestation >20 weeks gestation

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Service	Address	Contact details	Additional information
Choices South West Dunsborough Medical Centre	4/54 Dunn Bay Road Dunsborough WA 6281	(08) 9746 3300 www.choicessw.com.au	Medical abortion for pregnancies less than 9 weeks
			Surgical abortions for pregnancies up to 13 weeks
			Telehealth appointments are available
MSI Australia	Via telehealth	1300 405 568	Medical abortion by telehealth is available statewide. Abortion medicines and other needs delivered to home or available at local pharmacies.
WA Country Health Services Hospitals			Local WA Country Health Service facilities vary in their ability to provide abortion care.
			For hospitals and services that can provide abortion services, a referral is required.
			Clinicians can refer to HealthPathways for detailed advice.

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