

Data for: "Stigmatized by association: challenges for abortion service providers in Ghana"

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Data Description

Unsafe abortion is an issue of public health concern and contributes significantly to maternal morbidity and mortality globally. Abortion evokes religious, moral, ethical, socio-cultural and medical concerns which mean it is highly stigmatized and this poses a threat to both providers and researchers. This study sought to explore challenges to providing safe abortion services from the perspective of health providers in Ghana. In-depth interviews with obstetrician/gynaecologists, nurse-midwives and pharmacists (n = 36) were conducted in three (3) hospitals and five (5) health centres in the capital city in Ghana.

Data Collection Methods

This study used in-depth interviews to provide insights regarding experiences of skilled providers associated with the practice of legal abortion provision. The study was conducted in Ghana's capital city, Accra. A purposive sample of 36 health providers working in maternal/newborn health was recruited from the national, regional and district hospitals and from urban health centres. Interviews were recorded after informed consent was given. Informed consent involved a study information sheet being given to all prospective participants to take away and consider, then a follow-up call a few days later to see whether they were willing to participate. Of the 41 participants asked to participate, 36 were willing and 5 refused because they were not comfortable discussing the topic or did not want to be associated with it.

Data Analysis and Preparation

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Geographic regions

Accra, Ghana

Key dates

Interviews took place between November 2006 - July 2007.

Species:

Obstetrician/gynaecologists, nurse-midwives and pharmacists working in national, regional and district hospitals and urban health centres

Privacy:

Interview transcripts have been anonymised to prevent identification.

All participants who agreed to be interviewed gave their written informed consent that their interview data could be used in papers. However, due to the age of the study they were not consulted on wider sharing of information. Interested parties should contact the authors to discuss the work.

Ethics

Ethical approval was granted by the Ethical Review Committees of the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine (UK) and the Ghana Health Service. All participants provided written informed consent.

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Additional Information

This metadata record records the existence of the interview transcripts, in accordance with LSHTM's Research Data Management policy. Participants gave written informed consent that their interview data could be used in papers. However, due to the age of the study they were not consulted on wider sharing of information. Interested parties wishing to access the transcripts should consult the authors for further information.

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