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Response Due: 11th February 2020

Date: 28th January 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

You asked:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 I would like to request the following information from your Hospital Trust.

In each of the individual calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 please tell me.....

1) Did your trust offer the NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing) for Down's syndrome, also known as cfDNA screening to expectant mothers for FREE? No

2) If no, did you offer the NIPT within the trust, but only if the patient was willing to pay? No

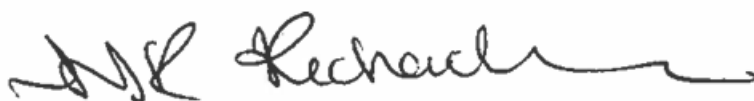
3) How much was that NIPT? N/A

4) If no to all of the above did you mention NIPT as an option but that it was only available outside the Trust, i.e. by private providers not connected with the Trust?

We do not routinely mention NIPT when counselling women.

I trust that this information is helpful to you, however if you are not entirely satisfied with this response please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department on 01257 488271. If we do not hear from you within 28 days we will assume that we have been able to accommodate your request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Yours sincerely,



Helen Richardson
Chief Nurse and Director of Infection Prevention and Control

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