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Dear

INFORMATION REQUEST UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000

We are now pleased to respond to your request for information under the FOI Act.

You asked

Please could you tell me the total number of live births and separate out the number of live births with Down syndrome in your Trust in the past 7 years?

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of live births	2991	3057	2905	2976	2850	2785	2727	2772
Number of live births with Down syndrome	2	3	2	2	2	2	2	4

Also could you tell me if it has, when your hospital started to recommend NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing) to mothers?

	Dates: From - to
NIPT offered for free within Trust (also interested to know to what chance level this would be offered ie 1:150 or other)	NIPT is not offered within the trust or the NHS currently even if this was paid for The accuracy is 98%, NIPT is a screening test not diagnostic

<p>NIPT mentioned as an option, but only available outside of Trust, ie by private providers not connected with the hospital/Trust</p>	<p>Routinely NIPT is not currently mentioned as an option, it is not part of the NHS screening pathway (FASP) , however if a lady asked about this as an option we would direct them to source their own suppliers in the private sector or they may contact Antenatal results and choices (ARC) for independent advice</p>
<p>NIPT mentioned as an option, and available within the Trust if patient willing to pay</p>	<p>There is no choice to offer this screening test as an option even if the patient is willing to pay, within the trust as it is not part of the NHS pathway.</p> <p>The only deviations to this is</p> <p>if a lady has undergone combined/Quad screening and they have received a high chance result they are informed of the options available 1) i.e. amnio/cvb, 2) do nothing 3) they would be informed there is the option of private screening which they must source and pay for themselves (See above).</p> <p>If a patient has opted for the screening pathway and we have failed to obtain a result, as per FASP guidelines, i.e. sample lost in transit too late for a repeat test then with the HOM authority we are able to offer to pay for the NIPT screening (very rare)</p> <p>As part of the FASP programme (date to be confirmed 2018/19) NIPT will be offered to those patients who have opted for screening i.e. combined/quad and received a high chance, NIPT will not be the screening of choice to everyone as there will be a 3 year consultation.</p> <p>It will not be offered to twin ladies</p>

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,



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