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Response Due: 29<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Date: 24<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Sir/Madam

With reference to your request for information received on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025, I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 that we do hold the information you have requested. A response to each part of your request is provided below.

In your request you asked:

**Specifically, I would appreciate copies of the following:**

- 1. Letters sent to expectant women advising of screening test results following combined or quadruple screening for Down Syndrome. If the content differs based on the likelihood of a high or low chance result, please provide examples of both.**

Please see the attached examples:

- High chance results - given verbally and are backed up with the attached email.
- Lower chance results - receive the letter attached, which is printed directly from the laboratory results system.

- 2. Letters or result notifications from Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT), including examples for both high and low chance results if they differ.**

NIPT results are given verbally.

- 3. Any information shared with expectant women regarding these tests (combined/quadruple screening and NIPT), including letters, leaflets, or signposting materials.**

All WWL Maternity information leaflets are accessible via <https://www.wwl.nhs.uk/maternity>. Links can be found to all gov.uk screening resources.

The service signposts to ARC, Down Syndrome Association or SOFT as appropriate:

- <https://www.arc-uk.org/publications/>

- <https://www.soft.org.uk/resources>

**4. Any materials provided to expectant women about Down Syndrome itself, including guidance on pregnancy and care following an antenatal diagnosis.**

ARC publication (TOP or continuing with pregnancy booklets depending on choices) signpost to Down Syndrome Association:

- <https://www.arc-uk.org/publications/>
- <https://www.downs-syndrome.org.uk/>

If you are not entirely satisfied with this response, please do not hesitate to contact the Information Governance Department via the email address provided. If we do not hear from you within 40 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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**PLEASE NOTE:**

If you are unhappy with the service you have received in relation to your request and wish to make a complaint or request a review of our decision, you should write to: Information Governance Department, Wrightington, Wigan and Leigh NHS Foundation Trust, Suite 9, Buckingham Row, Brick Kiln Lane, Wigan, WN1 1XX.

If you are not content with the outcome of your complaint, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision at:

The Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
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Helpline number: 0303 123 111