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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014929 - Screen positive result for Down syndrome

1 Do you have a care pathway for expectant women who receive a screen positive result for Down syndrome? If so, please provide a copy/link.

To see a copy of the pathway please contact [dgft.foi@nhs.net](mailto:dgft.foi@nhs.net) quoting the reference number above.

2 When a pregnant woman receives a screen positive result for Down syndrome is she referred for counselling? If so, to whom and when?

- Screen positive results are counselled initially by a member of the screening Team, the national standard is within 3 working days of receipt of the results, but we try to see them the same day or the next day. They are also signposted to Down's Syndrome Association and ARC at counselling.

3 What training do the staff providing counselling have appertaining to a) providing counselling & b) knowledge of Down syndrome?

- Both members of the Screening Team who provide counselling undertake annual mandatory updates on relevant accredited learning packages for NHS Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme on e-Learning for Healthcare. In addition they have attended various training sessions regarding breaking bad news, and organised and attended "Tell It Right, Start It Right" facilitated by the Down's Syndrome Association earlier in 2019