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Dear

Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am conducting research into perceptions of Down Syndrome in antenatal care and would like to request copies of communication materials sent to expectant women within your Trust.

Specifically, I would appreciate copies of the following:

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.

- We use the results letters generated by our test centre at Birmingham Women's Hospital, examples attached. We don't send letters for high chance results, these results are given face to face with relevant counselling about options following a high chance results using FASP guidance [Your choices after a higher chance screening result - GOV.UK](#)

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

- We use adapted versions of the FASP template for low chance NIPT results (attached). Women are counselled face to face for high chance results.

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

- At booking women are given NHS England information either via QR code, link or hard copy depending on their preference. This website allows the user to select the language of their choice (13 most common languages available [Screening tests for you and your baby \(STFYAYB\) - GOV.UK](#)).

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

- Personalised consultant-led care plan devised, this includes detailed scan by Consultant Sonographer at 20 weeks and Fetal Medicine input if necessary, based on scan findings. Signposted to Down's Association and Positive About Down's syndrome (PADS) and local support group, Ups of Downs. Information pack including relevant leaflets from Down's Association and book called Nobody Told Me published by PADS also given to women.

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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