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**Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information which we received on 05 March 2018.

I am pleased to confirm the following:

**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?**

	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of live births	3796	3623	3855	3720	3575
Number of live births with Down syndrome	4	4	3	3	2

**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 has not been offered free at any time within the Trust to date.  In line with FASP guidance NIPT will be available from Autumn 2018 for increased chance results of < 1:150. The exact test and laboratory to be used is yet to be decided.
NIPT mentioned as an option, but only available outside of Trust, ie by private providers not connected with the hospital/Trust	Unfortunately I cannot confirm a start date for this as this was in practice when I came into post 30/1/17. This is still what we discuss when counselling increased chance results currently. The women are advised to source their own provider.
NIPT mentioned as an option, and available within the Trust if patient willing to pay	This has not been offered at MKUH.

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Yours sincerely,

Freedom Of Information Co-ordinator  
For and on behalf of Milton Keynes Hospital NHS Foundation Trust

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