

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am pleased to confirm the following.

I wish to make a FOI request to ascertain the language/terminology used when screening/diagnostic results for Down syndrome are given in a written format, eg letter by post, email etc to expectant parents.

Please could you send me examples of the contents of such letters/emails used to report results of screening tests. (Please also indicate if you don't report such results in written format, but only verbally).

If different hospitals/maternity units within your Trust use different letters/emails, please send me examples of each units' correspondence identifying name of each

hospital/maternity unit.

Please send me an example of all of the following that are in use:

- a) Letter/email reporting low chance combined or quadruple screen results**
- b) Letter/email reporting high chance combined or quadruple screen results**
- c) Letter/email reporting low chance NIPT results**
- d) Letter/email reporting high chance NIPT results**
- e) Letter/email reporting 'no result' NIPT results**
- f) Letter/email reporting negative QF-PCR/FISH CVS results**
- g) Letter/email reporting positive QF-PCR/FISH CVS results**
- h) Letter/email reporting negative full karyotype CVS results**
- i) Letter/email reporting positive full karyotype CVS results**
- j) Letter/email reporting negative amniocentesis result**
- k) Letter/email reporting positive amniocentesis result**

The only written letters women receive are the low risk results of all testing described.

Letters are sent from Oxford University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust Screening Lab as this is where the testing occurs and they directly send low risk result letters to the women.

Any high/abnormal results are communicated verbally to the patient. We offer to show patients lab reports and explain the test results and discuss care plans from that point onwards.

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If you need any further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us at the address above.

Yours sincerely,

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

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