

Ref: FOIA Reference 2019/20-030

Date: 1st May 2019

Email foi@uhn.nhs.uk

Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 12th April 2019 (received into our office 15th April) requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding ante natal screening/diagnostic results for Down syndrome.

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 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, e.g. 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 unit's 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

A1 Please see below:

a) Letter/email reporting low chance combined or quadruple screen results	Information not held by UHNM. Information may be held by contacting Royal Bolton
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	Foundation Trust at the following email: foi@boltonft.nhs.uk
b) Letter/email reporting high chance combined or quadruple screen results	As answer (a)
c) Letter/email reporting low chance NIPT results	Please see attached
d) Letter/email reporting high chance NIPT results	Please see attached
e) Letter/email reporting 'no result' NIPT results	Please see attached
f) Letter/email reporting negative QF-PCR/FISH CVS results	Information not held by UHNM. Information may be held by Birmingham Women's and Children's Trust at the following email address: bwc.freedomofinformation@nhs.net
g) Letter/email reporting positive QF-PCR/FISH CVS results	As answer (f)
h) Letter/email reporting negative full karyotype CVS results	As answer (f)
i) Letter/email reporting positive full karyotype CVS results	As answer (f)
j) Letter/email reporting negative amniocentesis result	As answer (f)
k) Letter/email reporting positive amniocentesis result	As answer (f)

*Please note that any individuals identified do not give consent for their personal data to be processed for the purposes of direct marketing.

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

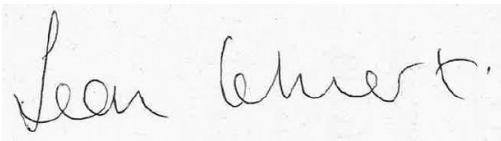
Should you have a complaint about the response or the handling of your request, please also contact my office to request a review of this. If having exhausted the Trust's FOIA complaints process you are still not satisfied, you are entitled to approach the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) and request an assessment of the manner in which the Trust has managed your request.

The Information Commissioner may be contacted at:

Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF or via www.ico.org.uk.

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



Jean Lehnert
Information Governance Manager