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Email [foi@uhnm.nhs.uk](mailto:foi@uhnm.nhs.uk)

Dear

I am writing to acknowledge receipt of your email dated 1st August 2023 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding Antenatal and Newborn Screening

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August we contacted you to inform you that as this request was not addressed to UHNM we would be closing it as the FOI Act states we do not have to answer if not for us.

You replied via email with the following:

*'I am unsure what you mean. We are requesting FOI Act information from all Trusts in England regarding antenatal and newborn screening provision? Helen, in our Trust, has requested this.'*

We responded to confirm that we would now action this request

As of 1<sup>st</sup> 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 We wish to request the following information under the FOI Act for Antenatal and Newborn Screening team provision:**

**Please can you provide us with the following information for 2021-22 and 2023-23?**

**Is care recorded on paper or an IT system?**

**Pregnancy bookings?**

**Birth numbers?**

**Do you have a neonatal unit and if so is this level 1, 2 or 3?**

**What is the current uptake of screening for TR 13/18 and 21?**

**How many high chance Combined?**

**How many high chance Quads?**

**Does the screening coordinator provide all, the majority, or none of the counselling for high chance results? Who else supports this?**

**How many NIPT samples did you take?**



Do you have a fetal medicine service?  
How many hours/days per week? is a midwife or the screening midwife present during these consultations? If yes what is the banding?

How many NIPD samples did you take?  
How many CVS did you perform?  
How many amniocentesis did you perform?  
How many feticide did you perform?

Number of termination of pregnancy for fetal abnormality?  
Do you offer surgical termination and if so to what gestation? Do you offer medical termination? Does the screening coordinator provide hours/support for this?

Do you provide training for midwives on a mandatory day (how many hours) or how do you give updates to midwives?

Staff numbers, banding and hours within the antenatal and new-born team:  
Screening Coordinator  
Deputy Screening Coordinator

Any additional cover for fetal medicine or is this included within the Screening Coordinator's role?

Failsafe's: antenatal screening new-born bloodspot and new-born infant examination - do you have a failsafe officer and if so what is the banding/hours? If not who performs the failsafe?

A1 See attached spread sheet

\*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](http://www.ico.org.uk).

If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 671612.

Yours,



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