

FOI3494

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 – INFORMATION REQUEST

Question: I am writing to request information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding current and recent practice relating to Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT) within your Trust.

I would be grateful if you could provide the following details for the period 2020 to the present:

- 1. The number of NIPTs carried out by the Trust (i.e., where the blood sample was collected by a member of Trust staff).**

Response: This test is not performed within the Southern Trust.

- 2. The number of NIPTs funded by the Trust, regardless of where the sample was taken.**

Response: This test is not offered or funded within the Southern Trust

- 3. Information provided to service users regarding NIPT, including any leaflets, digital resources, or written materials routinely shared.**

Response: As this test is not offered within the Southern Trust there is no information available to share with service users.

- 4. Details of any Trust guidelines, pathways, or processes for managing NIPT results, including:**
 - Who communicates results to patients; and**
 - What happens when a high-chance result is returned (e.g., referral pathways, follow-up support, counselling, or further investigative procedures).**

Response: This is not Applicable as test not offered in Southern Trust.

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