

Freedom of Information Request**Ref: UHB 18-141**

Date 29 March 2018

By Email

Dear Madam

Thank you for your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Trusts response is as follows:

1. 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?

Year	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of Live Births	5552	5616	5731	5323	5306	4999	5284	5041
...Of which have a diagnosis of Down's Syndrome	6	8	8	8	7	6	9	**

Where the figures are fewer than 5, this has been denoted by **. Where numbers are low we have considered that there is the potential for the individuals to be identified from the information provided, when considered with other information that may also be in the public domain. In our view disclosure of these low figures would breach one of the Data Protection Principles set out in Schedule 1 of the Data Protection Act, namely Principle 1. Therefore under Section 40(2) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we will not be disclosing this information at this time. Section 40 is the exemption for personal information

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)	Not offered
NIPT mentioned as an option, but only available outside of Trust, ie by private providers not connected with the hospital/Trust	November 2017 to current
NIPT mentioned as an option, and available within the Trust if patient willing to pay	October 2013 to November 2017

This concludes our response. We trust that you find this helpful, but please do not hesitate to contact us directly if we can be of any further assistance.

If, after that, you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Trust Secretary
University Hospitals Bristol NHS Foundation Trust
Trust Headquarters
Marlborough Street
Bristol
BS1 3NU

Please remember to quote the reference number above in any future communications.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF

To view the Freedom of Information Act in full please click [here](#).

Yours sincerely,

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