

**Freedom of Information Request**

**Ref: 23-568**

25 August 2023

By Email

Dear Sir/Madam

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

- We can confirm that we do hold the information you are requesting

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

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

Both.

**Pregnancy bookings?**

2021/2022: 4432

2022/2023: 3910

**Birth numbers?**

2021/2022: 4869

2022/2023: 4470

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

Yes, Level 3

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

	2021/2022	2022/2023
<b>T21 only</b>	*	*
<b>T13/T18 only</b>	11	9
<b>All screening</b>	3876	3644

Please note: Where the figures are between 1 and 5, this has been denoted by \*. Due to the low numbers, we have considered that there is the potential for 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. The Trust therefore finds that the Section 40(2) exemption contained within the Freedom of information Act 2000 is engaged. This follows NHS Digital (formerly HSCIC) analysis guidance (2014) which states that small numbers within local authorities, wards, postcode districts, providers and Trusts may allow identification of patients and should not be published.

**How many high chance Combined?**

2021/2022: 97

2022/2023: 104

**How many high chance Quads?**

2021/2022: 14

2022/2023: 16

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

For all high chance FTCS (First Trimester Combined Screening) results received from the lab; the screening midwives will provide the counselling. Plus providing the counselling and giving of results for high chance NIPT results (except if the NIPT was requested by FMU (Fetal Medicine Unit) ie. non-pathway). For all high chance NIPT they are referred to FMU to be counselled there as well by the consultants.

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

2021/2022: 77

2022/2023: 75

**Do you have a fetal medicine service?**

Yes

**How many hours/days per week? is a midwife or the screening midwife present during these consultations? If yes what is the banding?**

Screening midwives do not staff the FMU unit and are therefore not present during FMU consultations

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

2021/2022: 77

2022/2023: 75

**How many CVS did you perform?**

2021/2022: 9

2022/2023: \*

**How many amniocentesis did you perform?**

2021/2022: 153

2022/2023: 94

**How many feticide did you perform?**

2021/2022: 26

2022/2023: 19

**Termination of pregnancy for fetal abnormality**

2021/2022: 30

2022/2023: 31

**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?**

Surgical termination is not supported by the screening team in terms of hours

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

Midwives attend a mandatory maternity specific update every 2 years and we provide a 90-minute training session on screening and its updates

**Staff numbers, banding and hours within the antenatal and new-born team:**

Band 7 x 2 - 15 hours and a 37.5 hours currently vacant out to advert 23 August

Band 6 - 1 x 37.5 hours (secondment), 1 x 30 hours (secondment), 1 x 15 hours

**Screening Coordinator**

One; one out to advert

**Deputy Screening Coordinator**

Two

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

No

**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?**

No. The whole team take responsibility and we check the fail safes each day.

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:

Data Protection Officer  
University Hospitals Bristol and Weston NHS Foundation Trust  
Trust Headquarters  
Marlborough Street  
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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

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Yours sincerely

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