

Appendix 1

Template A. Lower chance result letter – Down's syndrome screening only

Dear <name>,

Re: Your first trimester screening result

You recently had the 'combined test' to screen for Down's syndrome. This has shown that your baby has a **lower chance** of having this condition.

For this pregnancy, you have 1 chance in <number> of having a baby with Down's syndrome.

To understand what '1 chance in <number>' means, imagine you have a bag of <number> apples, of which 1 is red and the rest are green. If you pick an apple at random, you have '1 chance in <number>' of picking a red one.

We do not offer further testing at this level of chance.

It is important to understand that there is still a small chance of giving birth to a baby with Down's syndrome because the screening tests do not detect some babies with this condition. A lower chance result does not mean that there is no chance at all that the baby has Down's syndrome, just that it is unlikely.

If you have any questions about your result, you can contact me using the details below.

You can find more information about antenatal screening for this condition, including details of parent support groups, at www.nhs.uk/depscreening.

Yours faithfully,

<co-ordinator.name>

Antenatal Screening Co-ordinator

Office: <phone number>

Mobile: <phone number>

Email: <email address>