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Freedom of Information Act 2000

I am writing in response to your request for information made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 in relation to live births and Downs Syndrome.

You asked:

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?

2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

Number of live births

Number of live births with Down syndrome

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

a. NIPT offered for free within Trust (also interested to know to what chance level this would be offered i.e. 1:150 or other)

b. NIPT mentioned as an option, but only available outside of Trust, i.e. by private providers not connected with the hospital/Trust

c. NIPT mentioned as an option and available within the Trust if patient willing to pay

Trust response:

1.

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Number of live births	5260	5463	5567	5305	5608	5764	5986	6034
Number of live births with Down syndrome	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0

2.

a. No. Later this year NIPT will be offered for free within Trust for those women with a screening result of greater than 1:150

b. NIPT is mentioned by the Screening Midwives as a private option available outside of Trust when discussing a screening result of greater than 1:150

c. No