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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 NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing) for Down's syndrome.

You asked:

- 1) Did your trust offer the NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing) for Down's syndrome, also known as cfDNA screening to expectant mothers for FREE? Yes or No.
- 2) If no, did you offer the NIPT within the trust, but only if the patient was willing to pay?
- 3) How much was that NIPT?
- 4) If no to all of the above did you mention NIPT as an option but that it was only available outside the Trust, i.e. by private providers not connected with the Trust?

Trust response:

- 1) No.
- 2) No
- 3) Not applicable
- 4) Yes