

**2019-443 - FOI request - Screen positive result for Down syndrome**

<p>1 Do you have a care pathway for expectant women who receive a screen positive result for Down syndrome? If so, please provide a copy/link.</p>	<p>Please find information attached.</p>
<p>2 When a pregnant woman receives a screen positive result for Down syndrome is she referred for counselling? If so, to whom and when?</p>	<p>The screen positive result is phoned directly to myself - Specialist Midwife/Antenatal Screening - by the biochemistry lab. Myself or my deputy will then try to contact the lady by telephone immediately. The result should be communicated within 3 working days. We offer a face to face appointment, which is often required if there is a language barrier - but many ladies wish to discuss the result immediately via telephone.</p> <p>We have a detailed discussion on the significance of the result, the syndrome, the concept of probability and all the options available to the lady. We still offer an appointment to attend for further discussion/support, we leave contact details, additional sources of information i.e. ARC, FASP website etc. The lady then has time to consider the situation, discuss with partner &amp; family - and will contact us either for further support or with her decision.</p>
<p>3 What training does the staff providing counselling have appertaining to a) providing counselling &amp; b) knowledge of</p>	<p>- Access to courses/Training accessed through regional QA/SITS Team</p>

Down syndrome?

- ARC - Level 1,2,3 & Advanced
- Regional updates on screening programmes, standards, good practise
- Annual Screening Conference/Haydock Park
- E- learning/resources