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Dear

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION – SCREENING

I write in response to your request for information in relation to pregnancy screening.

Question:

- Letters sent to expectant women advising of screening test results following combined or quadruple screening for Down Syndrome. If the content differs based on the likelihood of a high or low chance result, please provide examples of both.

Answer:

- If results are low risk then the 1st trimester screening report is sent out.
- If results are high risk then the patient is phoned directly.

Question:

- Letters or result notifications from Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT), including examples for both high and low chance results if they differ.

Answer:

- Patients are phoned regardless of results.

Question:

- Any information shared with expectant women regarding these tests (combined/quadruple screening and NIPT), including letters, leaflets, or signposting materials.

Answer:

- Public Health Scotland resources- namely [You're pregnant! Scans and tests](#) and [Your pregnancy, your choice](#).

Question:

- Any materials provided to expectant women about Down Syndrome itself, including guidance on pregnancy and care following an antenatal diagnosis.

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Answer:

- Patient's are given packs provided by Downs Syndrome Scotland and signposted to their resources at [Home - Down's Syndrome Scotland](#)

This information is exempt under Section 25 of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002
- Information otherwise accessible

(1) Information which the applicant can reasonably obtain other than by requesting it under section 1(1) is exempt information.

I hope the information provided helps with your request.

If you are unhappy with our response to your request, you do have the right to request us to review it. Your request should be made within 40 working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within 20 working days of receipt. If our decision is unchanged following a review and you remain dissatisfied with this, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner within 6 months of receipt of our review response. You can do this by using the Scottish Information Commissioner's Office online appeals service at www.itspublicknowledge.info/Appeal. If you remain dissatisfied with the Commissioner's response you then have the option to appeal to the Court of Session on a point of law.

If you require a review of our decision to be carried out, please write to the FOI Reviewer at the email address at the head of this letter. The review will be undertaken by a Reviewer who was not involved in the original decision-making process.

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Yours sincerely

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