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Date: 17th January 2020

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Dear

I am writing in response to your email dated 14th January 2020 requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act (2000) regarding NIPT (Non Invasive Prenatal Testing)

As of 1st November 2014 University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust (UHNM) manages two hospital sites – Royal Stoke University Hospital, and County Hospital (Stafford). Therefore the response below is for the two sites combined from that date where appropriate.

Q1 In each of the individual calendar years: 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2019 please tell me.

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 / No?

A1 No

Q2 If no, did you offer the NIPT within the Trust, but only if the patient was willing to pay?

A2 NIPT has been offered as a private service since 2016 at UHNM for maternal request only. Please note that this service was not available pre 2015.

Q3 How much was that NIPT?

A3 £350

Q4 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?

A4 Not applicable

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This letter confirms the completion of this request. A log of this request and a copy of this letter will be held by the Trust.

If you have any queries related to the response provided please in the first instance contact my office.

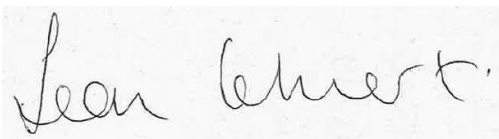
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If following review of the responses I can be of any further assistance please contact my secretary on 01782 676474.

Yours,



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