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## Information on Trust Practices Relating to Non-Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT)

- 1. The number of NIPTs carried out by the Trust (i.e., where the blood sample was collected by a member of Trust staff).**

<5 taken at BHSCCT

We are unable to provide an exact figure where numbers are very low. To provide this level of information would reduce numbers to discoverable limits where the patients could be identifiable.

This is exempt from release under section 40(2) Personal Information relating to a third party, of the FOI Act.

Disclosure would constitute a breach of the principles of the Data Protection Act 2018.

- 2. The number of NIPTs funded by the Trust, regardless of where the sample was taken.**

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- 3. Information provided to service users regarding NIPT, including any leaflets, digital resources, or written materials routinely shared.**

[Harmony Blood test | Private GP and Wellness Clinic Belfast](#)  
[Screening in pregnancy: CVS and amniocentesis information for parents - GOV.UK](#)

Please see above.

- 4. Details of any Trust guidelines, pathways, or processes for managing NIPT results, including:**
  - **Who communicates results to patients; and**
  - **What happens when a high-chance result is returned (e.g., referral pathways, follow-up support, counselling, or further investigative procedures).**

A high risk result is communicated by the consultant arranging NIPT if organised in BHSCCT. Results from private sector will be sent to both the woman and fetal medicine team. Support will be provided from a midwife in fetal medicine.

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A review appointment will be arranged for high risk results and counselled re invasive testing to confirm.

TOP discussed during consultation, antenatal palliative care referral where confirmed fatal diagnosis eg T18 or T13.

Bereavement support is provided, support group information given relevant to condition and links to charities specialising in choice, TOP.

Follow up in specialised clinics for antenatal care and referral to other specialties if appropriate.

If invasive testing performed further genetics may be required and referral to specialised counsellors will be made. Clinical psychology referral if consent gained.