

Reference:	FOI.5218.21
Subject:	Communicating antenatal screening/diagnostic results for Down Syndrome
Date of Request:	2 February 2021

Requested:

I wish to make a Freedom of Information request to ascertain the language/terminology used when screening/diagnostic results for Down Syndrome are given to expectant parents.

When results can be provided verbally and/or written, please provide content of each:

- Those given in a written format e.g. letter/email
- Those given verbally - kindly provide any guidelines, templates or scripts used or referenced.

Please also indicate if you do not report such results directly, for example if another provider is responsible.

If different hospitals/maternity units within your board use different correspondence, please send examples from each unit, identifying the name of each hospital/maternity unit.

Please send an example of all the following that are in use;

- Copies of written materials/information provided to expectant women appertaining to antenatal screening test for Down Syndrome including information about both the tests and Down Syndrome.
- Templates reporting low chance combined or quadruple screen results
- Templates reporting high chance combined or quadruple screen results
- Templates reporting low chance NIPT results
- Templates reporting high chance NIPT results
- Templates reporting 'no result' NIPT results
- Templates reporting negative QF-PCR/FISH CVS results
- Templates reporting positive QF-PCR/FISH CVS results
- Templates reporting negative full karyotype CVS results
- Templates reporting positive full karyotype CVS results
- Templates reporting negative amniocentesis result

Templates reporting positive amniocentesis

Response:

Hywel Dda University Health Board (UHB) confirms that it adheres to the antenatal guidance set out by Public Health Wales (PHW). All results are communicated by telephone and any expectant mother that receives a higher chance diagnostic result for Down Syndrome is asked to attend clinic to discuss ongoing screening and is provided with the relevant PHW booklet or information leaflet.

This information is already within the public domain; therefore, the UHB has applied an exemption under Section 21 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, as the information is accessible by another means. The UHB operates in line with the All Wales guidance from PHW which is available on the PHW website.

For ease of reference please click on the attached link which will take you directly to the PHW Antenatal screening webpage:

[Antenatal Screening Wales - Public Health Wales \(nhs.wales\)](https://www.nhs.uk/antenatal-screening-wales)