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Subject: Care pathway for expectant women

REQUEST

- 1 Do you have a care pathway for expectant women who receive a screen positive result for Down syndrome?
- 2 When a pregnant woman receives a screen positive result for Down syndrome is she referred for counselling?
- 3 What training do the staff providing counselling have appertaining to a) providing counselling & b) knowledge of Down syndrome?

RESPONSE

- 1) Yes
- 2) A high chance screening result is never sent out in letter format. The woman is contacted by telephone by the antenatal and new born screening Midwife (in absence a senior ANC midwife) and invited in for a face to face appointment (3 attempts are made at a phone call, then contact NOK and if no response request a community Midwife visit, to give out the appointment date and time). If the woman requests to have the result over the telephone, her name, DOB and address is confirmed and the discussion will be had via telephone. A face to face appointment with the screening Midwife will then be offered at the earliest opportunity to discuss further, including the offer of counselling.
- 3) Staff delivering the screening counselling have attended training with ARC (Antenatal results and choices) and attend regular screening group updates held with QA and PHE. Some members have attended Bespoke NIPT training which included representation from the Down's Syndrome association.