

Dear

Thank you for your Freedom of Information request concerning -- chromosome testing.

The Trust can provide the following information:

As at February 2009 –

- On average, how soon after receiving a GP referral was the Hospital able to perform an amniocentesis?  
The patient would be scheduled for the next available clinic, which would normally be within 48 hours. Usually the referrals are in house. GPs would not normally request an amniocentesis in my experience.
- What type of chromosome testing was in use at the time – FISH, PCR or full karyotype?  
PCR and full karyotype
- On average, how long did it take for the results of an amniocentesis to become available?  
Depending on what was tested for 3-5 days. Longer for specific DNA anomalies
- Did the hospital offer late medical termination in February 2009?  
Yes
- Was feticide available?  
Yes
- If feticide was not available, were patients referred elsewhere for this? If so, where?  
N/A
- If referred elsewhere for feticide, how soon on average would a patient obtain an appointment following onward referral?  
N/A

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