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Dear Sir/Madam

You asked:

**Please can you provide us with the following information for 2021-22 and 2023-23?**

**Is care recorded on paper or an IT system?**

Both

**Pregnancy bookings?**

Both

**Birth numbers?**

April 2021 – March 2022: 2497

April 2022 – March 2023: 2565

**Do you have a neonatal unit and if so is this level 1, 2 or 3?**

Level 2

**What is the current uptake of screening for TR 13/18 and 21?**

April 2021- March 2022: 56.2%

April 2022- March 2023: 58.2%

**How many high chance Combined?**

April 2021- March 2022: 45

April 2022- March 2023: 44

**How many high chance Quads?**

April 2021- March 2022: 6

April 2022- March 2023: 11

**Does the screening coordinator provide all, the majority, or none of the counselling for high chance results?**

All high chance counselling provided by screening coordinators – 2 part-time 0.6 WTE

**Who else supports this?**

No other support

**How many NIPT samples did you take?**

April 2021- March 2022: 32 (commenced 1.6.21)

April 2022- March 2023: 40

**Do you have a fetal medicine service?**

Level 1 local FM with support from tertiary centre

**How many hours/days per week?**

2 scan lists per week, 6 per list

**is a midwife or the screening midwife present during these consultations? If yes what is the banding?**

Screening midwife is present – band 7

**How many NIPD samples did you take?**

None

**How many CVS did you perform?**

Performed at tertiary centre

**How many amniocentesis did you perform?**

April 2021- March 2022: 10

April 2022- March 2023: 13

Amnio's performed by 1 of 2 consultants from Bolton NHS Trust. The Trust no longer have the facility to perform amnios.

**How many feticide did you perform?**

Performed at tertiary Centre

**Number of termination of pregnancy for fetal abnormality?**

April 2021- March 2022: 9

April 2022- March 2023: 12

**Do you offer surgical termination and if so to what gestation?**

Surgical TOP only offered up to 12 weeks. Not routinely offered after this, but if the woman expresses a wish to STOP after 12 weeks we would discuss the methodology and refer to BPAS/Marie Stopes

**Do you offer medical termination? Does the screening coordinator provide hours/support for this?**

MTOP is offered for all significant anomalies under clause E of the abortion act. This is usually arranged via the screening coordinator who will see the woman, discuss the procedure, risks, PM, funeral etc, give ARC booklet and mifepristone. Seen by an obstetrician for consent and prescription. The misoprostol is given on delivery suite and support offered by bereavement midwives.

**Do you provide training for midwives on a mandatory day (how many hours) or how do you give updates to midwives?**

Not currently – no space available on the day. All midwives have to complete the eLfh ANNB screening cross programme module annually. Compliance monitored by the screening coordinators.

**Staff numbers, banding and hours within the antenatal and new-born team:**

**Screening Coordinator**

Band 7 - 22.5 hrs x 2

**Deputy Screening Coordinator**

None

**Any additional cover for fetal medicine or is this included within the Screening Coordinator's role?**

Included in screening coordinators role

**Failsafe's: antenatal screening new-born bloodspot and new-born infant examination - do you have a failsafe officer and if so what is the banding/hours? If not who performs the failsafe?**

FSO monitors NBS and NIPE failsafe's in addition to antenatal screening for SCT and IDPS failsafe's, downloading combined and quad results/letters, sending to women and checking failsafe, fetal anomaly scan failsafe and BCG vaccination coordination.

Band 4, 37.5 hrs

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Yours sincerely,



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