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## Freedom of Information request to Public Health Wales

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### Information requested:

I am currently undertaking a Clinical Audit with a Consultant Obstetrician (Mr Treharne) in Glangwili General Hospital, regarding small-for-gestational age (SGA) babies.

An aspect of this audit requires analysis of risk factors of SGA babies, and one of the major risk factors includes a PAPP-A measurement of  $<0.4$  (RCOG Greentop Guideline No. 31). As you will be aware, PAPP-A is measured in the combined Down's syndrome screening test. PAPP-A would otherwise not be measured clinically if women refuse the combined test - and therefore these women may be missed if they are at risk of an SGA baby.

I was wondering if I could ask for the information on:

- 1) What is the uptake in Wales of the combined Down's syndrome screening test, and how many women decline?
- 2) How many PAPP-A results are  $<0.4$  MoM?

### Information provided for the answer:

1. The last four reporting rounds for the All Wales performance indicators for Antenatal Screening Wales put the uptake of Down's syndrome screening at around 65%. This is for both the combined and quad test and we do not have a breakdown within this of how many are quad and how many combined in the all Wales report, the quad test does not include a PAPP-A measurement. Please note though that the performance indicators give the approximate uptake in Wales for Down's syndrome screening. We cannot guarantee the data as we know there are issues with the denominator data across the whole of

Wales. The numbers of screen taken (the numerator is from data supplied from the laboratory and is not verified by us. The fact that xx women take up the test does not necessarily follow that the others decline. Some may be too late, not turn up for appointments etc. and we do not have this data.

2. Public Health Wales does not hold this information. We suggest that you direct your request to University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff.

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