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Dear

RE: **Your First Trimester Combined Screening result**

Following our conversation on XXXXXXX, I am sending this letter as a summary of our conversation, if there is anything you are not sure about or disagree with please contact me.

You recently had the 'combined test' to screen for Down's syndrome, Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome. This has shown that you have a higher chance of having a baby with Edwards' or Patau's syndrome.

Your result shows you have 1 chance in X of your baby having Edwards' or Patau's syndrome. I informed you this means if X women were in a room with the same results as you, one baby would have Edwards' or Patau's syndrome and the other X would not - your baby could be the one with Edwards' or Patau's syndrome. We reframed this as a percentage - your baby has a % chance of having Edwards' or Patau's syndrome.

Your chance of having a baby with Down's syndrome is 1:XXXXXX this is classed as a lower chance and we would not offer any further testing for Down's syndrome with this result.

We discussed the following options:

1. **Invasive testing** (Amniocentesis/Chorionic Villus Sample): this is a diagnostic test and the only way to know for certain if your baby has Edward's syndrome or Patau's syndrome before baby is born. There is a 0.5% risk of miscarriage associated with this procedure (1:200). Further information on the procedure can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chorionic-villus-sampling-cvs/>
2. **Scan at 16+ weeks** with our Local Fetal Medicine Consultant then 20 week scan at 18⁺⁰-20⁺⁶ weeks with our Local Fetal Medicine Consultant (less than 5% of babies with Edwards' syndrome or Patau's syndrome will not be identified, over 95% of babies with Edwards' or Patau's syndrome will show features on scan).

Following our conversation, you decided you wish to XXXXXXX

I have given you the details for ARC – Antenatal Results and Choices - as a good website for information; www.arc-uk.org

You can find more information about Antenatal Screening for Edwards' syndrome and Patau's syndrome, including details of parent support groups, at www.nhs.uk/depscreening.

If you or your partner have any questions about your result, or you just want to talk your choices through again, please do contact either myself or Sheila using the details above.

Yours sincerely,

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Please keep this letter in your hand held notes

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