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Dear

RE: **Your Second Trimester Screening result**

Following our conversation today, **DATE 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 'quad test/MSS' to screen for Down's syndrome. This has shown that you have a higher chance of having a baby with Down's syndrome.

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

We discussed the following options:

- 1 Invasive testing (Amniocentesis/Chorionic Villus Sample). This is a diagnostic test and the only way to know if your baby has Down's syndrome before baby is born. Information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chorionic-villus-sampling-cvs/>
- 2 Anomaly Scan at 18+0 to 20 +6 weeks (this is **not** diagnostic and 50% of babies with Down's syndrome will not be identified as they show no features on scans. So normal appearances at the anomaly scan can not exclude Down's Syndrome).
- 3 Do nothing, and continue with planned antenatal care.
- 4 **Non Invasive Prenatal Testing (NIPT)** – this is only available privately, it is a **screening** test and not diagnostic and costs in the region of £350-400.

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 this condition, 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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