

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Thank you for your request for information which we received on Monday 24th June 2024. I am pleased to confirm the following.

1. When congenital heart defects ARE NOT identified during screening at the 20-week fetal anomaly scan;**a) Does your trust currently retain the fetal cardiac views?**

Yes

Extract from-Routine Anomaly Ultrasound SOP-June 2023

3.3.4 Fetal Cardiac Views

Sonographer to assess fetal viability.

The fetal heart assessment should include the following (and images to be stored):

- Situs/laterality.
- 4 chamber view (4CV): transverse section of the thorax including one complete rib and the crux of the heart.
- Aorta/left ventricular outflow tract (LVOT) – shows the outflow tract of the left ventricle.
- Pulmonary/right ventricular outflow tract (RVOT) – shows the outflow tract of the right ventricle only, or 3 vessel view (3VV): shows the outflow tract of the right ventricle including the pulmonary artery.
- 3 vessel and trachea view (3VT): shows the main pulmonary artery in direct communication with the ductus arteriosus, the transverse aortic arch and the superior vena cava.

b) Were fetal cardiac views retained in 2021 and 2022?

Yes

c) If views are currently retained, are these still images or video clips?

Still images

d) For how long has your trust had this fetal cardiac view retention policy?

Standard operating procedure updated June 2023

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Yours sincerely

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