

## *Using this booklet*

We are pleased to be able to send you this information booklet. The booklet is about the screening tests you will be offered in pregnancy and screening for your baby in the first few weeks after birth.

It is important you understand the purpose and possible results of the screening tests before you make your decision. To help you the UK National Screening Committee\* has written this booklet, explaining the screening tests in detail.

We realise you are given a lot of information in pregnancy but please read this booklet as it will help prepare you for discussions with your midwife or doctor about the screening tests, so you can ask the questions that are important to you. It will be helpful if you have the booklet with you when you see them.

As you can see from the screening timeline diagram on the inside front cover, some of the tests need to take place early in pregnancy so we recommend reading the booklet as soon as possible.

Towards the end of your pregnancy your midwife will discuss with you the screening tests recommended for newborn babies. We advise you to look at the booklet again at this stage.

We hope you find this booklet useful.

For more information on screening tests in pregnancy and for your baby please talk to your midwife, doctor or health visitor. You can also visit the following websites:

- For NSC antenatal and newborn screening programmes; [www.screening.nhs.uk/an](http://www.screening.nhs.uk/an)
- For Antenatal Results and Choices charity; [www.arc-uk.org](http://www.arc-uk.org)
- For a directory of personal experiences; [www.dipex.org/antenatalscreening](http://www.dipex.org/antenatalscreening)
- For Contact a Family charity; [www.cafamily.org.uk](http://www.cafamily.org.uk)

\* The UK National Screening Committee advises the Health Departments of the four UK countries on all aspects of screening

