Vasa Praevia: Screening

Question for Department of Health and Social Care

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Question



Connor Naismith

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To ask the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, whether his Department plans to include vasa praevia screening as part of antenatal care within the NHS.

Answer



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Answered on

14 February 2025

Based on the UK National Screening Committee's last review in 2023 of screening women for vasa praevia during pregnancy, screening is not currently recommended, because:

- it is not known how many babies are affected by it in the United Kingdom;

- it is not known how accurate screening tests are at detecting it;

- screening may mean some women are offered an early caesarean when they do not need one; and

- some women may be reassured by false tests and still have a problem during delivery.

The Secretariat hopes to be able to commission a further evidence review within the next three years.