#### Any questions?

If you have any questions then please contact us at

#### **Leicester Genetics Centre:**

Leicester Royal Infirmary Leicester LE1 5WW

Telephone: 0116 258 5736

If you would like a written or taped translation of this information please contact the Service Equality Manager on 0116 258 4382.

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# Genetic counselling:

## general information

## Information for Patients

Your named counsellor is:

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#### What are genetic conditions?

Health problems that run in families are known as genetic or inherited conditions. Not all genetic conditions are passed on in families; sometimes they can happen by chance to one person in the family.

#### What is genetic counselling?

Genetic counselling is different to other types of counselling. It can give you more information about:

- Inherited and genetic conditions and how they might have happened
- How genetic conditions may affect you and your family
- How likely they are to happen
- Medical care and other help and support
- The choices that you and your family might have

Genetic counselling aims to help you decide what to do and support and respect your decision.

### Who is referred for genetic counselling? And why?

People come for genetic counselling for different reasons, which include:

- Anyone who is worried that a condition in the family might be inherited or genetic
- Anyone who is worried about passing on a genetic condition to their children
- Anyone who has a genetic condition themselves for advice about any particular health care and check-up they may need
- Children who are disabled or have a problem with their learning or development
- A strong family history of cancer

## Who works in the Clinical Genetics Department?

<u>Clinical Geneticists</u> are doctors who specialise in genetics, diagnose genetic conditions and can give you up-to-date information that is relevant for you

Genetic Nurse / Counsellors are there to support you by helping you to understand genetic information and how it might affect you and your family.

### Where is the Clinical Genetics Department?

It is based at Leicester Royal Infirmary but we also hold clinics at Leicester General Hospital and Coalville.

#### What happens now?

One of the Genetic Nurse Counsellors will either:

- Contact you by telephone
- Arrange to see you at one of our clinics or your home, or
- Send you a questionnaire to fill in with details about your family's healt

This is so we can find out more about you and your concerns and to help us answer your questions at subsequent appointments

You may need two or three appointments with our service.

#### Confidentiality

The information that you give us is confidential.

We will not share your information with anyone else without your consent or knowledge unless we are concerned that you or someone else in your family is at risl of serious harm.