



Checklist for antenatal sickle cell and thalassaemia (SCT) screening sites

ST2: proportion of women having antenatal sickle cell and thalassaemia screening for whom a conclusive screening result is available by 10 weeks gestation.

This checklist enables antenatal sickle cell and thalassaemia (SCT) screening sites to identify areas for potential improvement based on the findings of the best performing sites.

Questions	Answers	Actions
Record our current performance against ST2 (look at last 4 quarters)?		
Where and in what format do we promote information to enable early access to maternity service? For example GP practices, pharmacies, hospital website, children's centre, posters, leaflets.		
Does the information include <ul style="list-style-type: none">• importance of early screening• how these conditions are inherited• importance of knowing the results of both parents• direct access to counselling and prenatal diagnosis (PND) for known at-risk couples/women?		

<p>How are pregnant women referred to maternity service? For example GP referral, self-referral, early pregnancy assessment unit.</p> <p>Could we develop an online booking referral template and provide secure web portable for self-referral and GP referral?</p>		
<p>Is the relevant information provided on the booking referral for example family history, previous pregnancy history, gestation, sickle/thal status?</p>		
<p>Is fast track available for women who refer after 10 weeks gestation?</p> <p>Triage referrals for booking to prioritise women who present late. How do we do this? Have we ever audited this process? How do we know if it's working or not?</p>		
<p>How are women informed of their booking appointment? For example, letter in the post, phone call, SMS text, in person, by their GP surgery.</p> <p>Can we send reminders to women about their booking appointment to reduce non-attendance? For example, using text message appointment alerts.</p>		
<p>Where women accept screening for sickle cell and thalassaemia at the booking appointment - is the blood sample normally taken at this booking appointment?</p>		
<p>Is there a fast track pathway for known at risk couples/women?</p>		
<p>Are there any training needs for staff including reception/admin staff who book appointments?</p>		
<p>Do we continually audit our service and implement SCT checks and audits to improve quality and reduce risks?</p>		