



National Association of  
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Dear Sir / Madam,

The National Association of Specialist Obstetricians & Gynaecologists (NASOG) has had a recent email survey of its councillors, with the result that no one was in favour of social gender selection.

A question was raised as to how could this be enforced, with the suggestion to require laboratories which perform MBS funded antenatal chromosome testing to not release the sex of the embryo except for specific medical indications eg Haemophilia, Duchene's muscular dystrophy etc until after 20 weeks, which is when they can find out by ultrasound anyway. It will be very unlikely anyone will terminate a pregnancy after that for a non medical indication.

Yours sincerely

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