UKTIS are a national organisation commissioned by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), to perform safety monitoring of medication use in and around pregnancy. UKTIS routinely collect information about women who have taken medicines in pregnancy, to better understand the effects medicines can have on unborn babies.

What is the UKTIS COVID-19 Antivirals Pregnancy Registry?
The UKTIS COVID-19 Antivirals Pregnancy Registry is a medication safety monitoring system that is being run by the UK Teratology Information Service (UKTIS). Information will be collected about (i) women who have used COVID-19 antiviral medications during their pregnancy; and (ii) men that have fathered a pregnancy shortly after stopping or whilst using COVID-19 antiviral medications. These pregnancies will then be followed to completion, and the pregnancy outcome information will be collected and examined.

Why are UKTIS running this registry?
Newly developed antiviral medications are being prescribed to men and women who have recently tested positive for COVID-19 in the UK. As these are new medicines, the safety of using them in or around pregnancy is not yet understood. UKTIS are collecting information about pregnancies where women or men have used these medicines during pregnancy or around the time of conception. It is hoped that the information collected will allow UKTIS and other healthcare providers to know whether these new medications will be a safe option for use in and around pregnancy.

How will the registry work?
Information can be reported to UKTIS by healthcare professionals, pregnant women and the partners of pregnant women by telephone where they will speak with trained experts. Information will be collected by UKTIS scientists at set time points in the pregnancy (at approximately 14 weeks gestational age and 22 weeks gestational age), and again at the end of pregnancy.

How will your information be stored and protected?
All information supplied to UKTIS will be securely stored in a restricted access password protected database at the Newcastle upon Tyne Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. All information collected in the registry will be subject to existing ethical approvals and information governance regulations. Collected information will be routinely checked, and findings will be shared with UK healthcare organisations. Identifiable information will only be shared with other UK Government funded organisations that have the appropriate ethical and information governance approvals and a data sharing agreement to access this level of data.

Is there someone you can contact for further information?
Should you wish to discuss any aspect of this pregnancy registry with a member of the UKTIS team, they can be contacted via telephone (Mon to Fri, 9am to 5pm – 0344 892 0909).