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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST FOI/014256 - Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK

1) Copies of any policies that the Trust has on the prevention of FASD, and on the diagnosis and post-diagnostic care pathway for patients with an FASD. Also your policy on the training of Trust personnel to manage patients with FASD. -

We do not have specific FASD policy; but all children suspected of FASD are referred to a geneticist for genetic assessment. In Paediatrics, FASD is one of the differential diagnoses in children presenting with delay or behavioural problems especially in looked after children population.

The Community Antenatal care guideline covers lifestyle choices such as alcohol intake, to support prevention of FASD.

2) Any information you hold on services your Trust provided for FASD for

a. prevention education following the 2016 Chief Medical Officers' guidelines that the safest course is not to drink while pregnant or attempting to become pregnant;

We discuss this information at booking with all women. The pregnancy notes which are kept by mother include information about alcohol avoidance in pregnancy and all women are given a leaflet written by the FASD Trust at booking which also gives advice about avoidance of alcohol, the effects of alcohol use in pregnancy and how to get help if required.

b. diagnosis for both children and adults;

NIPE training discusses looking for signs of FASD when completing the examination.

c. post-diagnostic care in the financial years beginning 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018. -

No data

3) Information on the number of Doctors in your Trust who currently provide diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD? Please provide their names and posts. Whether your Trust employs specifically trained professionals, including but not limited to nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists and speech and language therapists, to provide specialised services for patients on the FASD spectrum? If so, in what specialties, and how many? Please provide their names and posts.

The Trust does not employ FASD specialists.

4) Information on training provided to personnel in your Trust on FASD, or provided by others and accessed by your personnel.

N/A

5) Information you hold on whether your Trust sends patients for FASD diagnosis to the National FASD Clinic in Surrey (<https://www.fasdclinic.com/>)? Did you refer any patients to the National FASD Clinic in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017, and in 2018, and if so, how many in each year?

None

6) What was your budget for services for FASD in each financial year since that starting in 2013 and including the current financial year?

No specific budget

7) Please provide copies of any agreed plans you have to expand the budget or services in coming years.

N/A