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Dear

**Request Under Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for requesting information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**Request**

NICE Quality Standard 204 on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder was published 16 March 2022

- 1. Please confirm, has this quality standard been circulated to each team and service in your network?**
  
- 2. Which teams/organisations/ leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them.**
  
- 3. Please confirm if the Trust leads for a) children and young people (aged 0 to 25); b) children and young people with special educational needs and disability; c) safeguarding (all-ages); and d) learning disability and autism (all-ages) have to date included consideration of FASD and implementation of the NICE FASD Quality Standard 204 in their decision making about service provision and assessment of local need. If so, for each of the identified leads please explain how and provide any related documents.**
  
- 4. If your NICE lead or other relevant person has created a review sheet, please provide that with a breakdown of every statement in the quality standard by structure, process and outcome measures.**

5. If you don't have a review sheet, please indicate how your Trust is responding to the call for improvements in quality of care outlined in NICE Quality Standard 204.

6. How are you involving stakeholders and/ or tracking patient experiences of your response to the NICE Quality Standard 204?

7. Is there any other document your Trust has created that is related to improvement of quality of care regarding NICE Quality Standard 204? If so, please provide a copy.

8. Has your ICB commissioned a pathway for FASD diagnosis?

9. Please explain the process by which someone with possible FASD would be assessed in your Trust.

**Response**

<p>1. Please confirm, has this quality standard been circulated to each team and service in your network?</p>	<p>It was circulated to Neonates and Obstetrics</p>
<p>2. Which teams/organisations/ leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them.</p>	<p>Neonates and Obstetrics</p>
<p>3. Please confirm if the Trust leads have to date included consideration of FASD and implementation of the NICE FASD Quality Standard 204 in their decision making about service provision and assessment of local need. If so, for each of the identified leads please explain how and provide any related documents.</p> <p>As community paediatric neurobehavior team, alcohol during pregnancy is routinely enquired in assessing children with behaviour problem.</p> <p>There is no established service for FASD in either paediatric or CAMHS services. There is no separate commissioning process for such services been established. There is no consultant who has expertise although all are aware of FASD.</p>	
<p>a) children and young people (aged 0 to 25);</p>	<p>There is no established service for FASD</p>
<p>b) children and young people with special educational needs and disability;</p>	<p>Children with SEN and disability are reviewed in ND clinic. No commissioning processes.</p>

<b>c) safeguarding (all-ages);</b>	<b>NIL</b>
<b>d) learning disability and autism (all-ages)</b>	<b>Reviewed in ND clinic</b>
<b>4. If your NICE lead or other relevant person has created a review sheet, please provide that with a breakdown of every statement in the quality standard by structure, process and outcome measures.</b>	<b>We don't use the Quality standard service improvement template.</b>
<b>5. If you don't have a review sheet, please indicate how your Trust is responding to the call for improvements in quality of care outlined in NICE Quality Standard 204.</b>	<p><b>There is a social complexities training day accessible for all staff within the Maternity Department and covers FASD awareness and very brief advice.</b></p> <p><b>Discussions are held with pregnant women regarding avoiding alcohol consumption at their initial booking appointment and again at 28 weeks, and any consumption is recorded. Alcohol consumption is also discussed by the Healthy Pregnancy Support Service for women accessing that service. In addition, there is a specialist midwife service for substance misuse that women are referred to if they require support with reducing or stopping alcohol consumption.</b></p> <p><b>There is increasing awareness of FASD in children with complex neurobehavior needs. Unfortunately, there is no commissioning across West Midlands or expert referral centre. There is progress in developing community paediatric services and FASD service is not under consideration at present with lack of expertise.</b></p>
<b>6. How are you involving stakeholders and/ or tracking patient experiences of your response to the NICE Quality Standard 204?</b>	<b>Paeds- NA</b>

	<p><b>Maternity - NA</b></p> <p><b>Community paediatrics – Not applicable</b></p>
<p><b>7. Is there any other document your Trust has created that is related to improvement of quality of care regarding NICE Quality Standard 204? If so, please provide a copy.</b></p>	<p><b>Paeds- no local document.</b></p> <p><b>Maternity - NA</b></p> <p><b>Community Paediatrics - SIGN guidelines are used as guide, <a href="#">sign156.pdf</a>.</b></p>
<p><b>8. Has your ICB commissioned a pathway for FASD diagnosis?</b></p>	<p><b>Community Paeds- NO</b></p>
<p><b>9. Please explain the process by which someone with possible FASD would be assessed in your Trust.</b></p>	<p><b>Children with Neurobehaviour problem is reviewed in ND clinic. As there is no regional tertiary services, at present there is gap in service provision. Any child with FASD are supported in community with available services only with discussion in CAMHS or geneticist team.</b></p>

If you are dissatisfied with our response, you have the right to appeal in line with guidance from the Information Commissioner. In the first instance you may contact the Information Governance Manager of the Trust.

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Should you disagree with the contents of our response to your appeal, you have the right to appeal to the Information Commissioners Office at.

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If you require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours sincerely

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