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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders within NHS South Sefton CCG.

Request/[Response](#):

- 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.
- 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;
 - b. diagnosis for both children and adults;
 - c. post-diagnostic care in the financial years beginning 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- 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.
- 4) Information on training provided to personnel in your Trust on FASD, or provided by others and accessed by your personnel.
- 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?
- 6) What was your budget for services for FASD in each financial year since that starting in 2013 and including the current financial year?
- 7) Please provide copies of any agreed plans you have to expand the budget or services in coming years.

For questions 1 – 7 NHS South Sefton CCG does not hold this information. You may wish to redirect your queries to Mersey Care NHS Trust

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