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Ref: FOI 18/573

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Dear Ms Butcher

**Re: Freedom of Information request**

In regards to your email dated 23 July 2018 requesting information, which we have processed under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

**The FOI Request**

The following conditions fall under the Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD) umbrella: Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS), Alcohol-Related Neurodevelopmental Disorder (ARND), Alcohol-Related Birth Defects (ARBD), Foetal Alcohol Effects (FAE) and partial Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (pFAS)) or neurodevelopmental disorders linked to prenatal alcohol exposure (NDPAE)

Request for Information

In light of the above information I would like to ask you to provide:

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 your 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.

**Our Response**

EMAS can confirm that we hold no data in relation to your request.

This isn’t an area we have addressed/identified or have an evidence source to identify a need.

We hope the response provided has answered your request. However, if you are dissatisfied with the handling of your request, you have the right to ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to:

Lynn Daly, Information Governance & Compliance Manager, East Midlands Ambulance Service NHS Trust, Notts Divisional HQ, Beechdale Road, Nottingham NG8 3LL.

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at: Information Commissioner’s Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire, SK9 5AF.

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Yours sincerely

**Lynn Daly**

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