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Dear Mr Butcher

**Re: Freedom of Information request**  
**Reference: FOI.18.RED078**

Thank you for your request under the *Freedom of Information Act 2000* (the Act). This response is provided on behalf of NHS Redbridge Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG). Your request along with the CCG's response is detailed below.

**1) Please provide copies of any policies your CCG has on the commissioning of services for those with an FASD.**

NHS Redbridge CCG does not hold this information. The CCG does not hold a specific policy for those with an FASD.

**2) What services has your CCG commissioned to meet the 'reasonable requirements', as is your duty under Section 3 NHS Act 2006, of those in your area who have or may have Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders as a result of antenatal exposure to alcohol, and what is your CCG doing to secure improvement in the physical and mental health of persons with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders and for the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of FASD (as is in your power under Section 3A NHS Act 2006)? Please release any information you hold concerning provision for:**

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

Public Health England is the lead on this issue. They can be contacted using the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/public-health-england>

[enquiries@phe.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@phe.gov.uk)

- b. **diagnosis for both children and adults**

Following from Midwifery or Health Visitor assessment and referral

- c. **post-diagnostic care in the years 2013- 2018 from professionals including, but not limited to, paediatricians, GPs, nurses, psychologists, occupational therapists, speech and language therapists, mental health services and other disability support services to provide specialised intervention services for patients on the FASD spectrum across their lifespan?**

The CCG commissions acute and community paediatric services to deliver care in the most effective manner based upon clinical need regardless of diagnosis and works to transition service users to adult services in an integrated and clinical appropriate manner.

**3) Please release any information concerning how is your CCG exercising its duty (as specified under Section 14R NHS Act 2006) to securing “continuous improvement in the quality of services provided” to individuals with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders “for or in connection with the prevention, diagnosis or treatment” of FASD?**

As part of the ongoing joint working arrangements the CCG works closely with Public Health provision to deliver integrated Midwifery and 0-19 services and these services are currently forming part of substantial transformation review.

**4) What is the budget for commissioned services for FASD in the current financial year? What was the budget in financial years beginning in 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017?**

There is no specific budget line identified for FASD

**5) Please release any agreed plans for service expansion for future years.**

As part of the Children and Young people’s Transformation plans all aspects of existing service delivery will be reviewed for unmet need.

**6) Has your CCG conducted, commissioned or assisted the conduct of research into any matters relating to the causation, prevention, diagnosis or treatment of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders, as is in your powers according to Section 5 NHS Act 2006 Schedule 1 (paragraph 13).**

No.

**7) Does your CCG commission services from the National FASD Clinic? If so, what is the budget for this in the current financial year?**

No.

**8) Please release any information concerning ways in which your CCG is fulfilling its duty (specified under Section 14Z, NHS Act 2006) to promote education and training related to FASD?**

CCG commissioned midwifery services have in place robust substance misuse protocols which are reviewed appropriately and have access to all relevant referral services / options. This document is attached.

**9) Do you have a lead person in your CCG on FASD? Please provide the name and role of the person responsible.**

No.

**10) Please release any information concerning the steps are you taking or have you taken (according to your duty under section 14Z2 of the NHS Act, 2006), to involve individuals with FASD or their caregivers in “planning commissioning arrangements; in the development and consideration of proposals for change; in decisions affecting the operation of commissioning arrangements where implementation would have an impact on the manner in which services are delivered or the range of services available.”?**

All CCG commissioning is structured to receive input from service users and follow the principals of co-production.

**11) How many inquiries/requests/letters have you received from medical practitioners or patients/families in your area related to FASD in the years 2013-2018?**

The CCG does not hold this information. Data was not collected in this detail.

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Yours sincerely,

**Jacob Brisley**

FOI Officer

