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Dear Sandra Butcher,

Request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Thank you for your request which was received on 23rd July 2018.

For ease of reference your request is set out below.

I am writing as a volunteer researcher for the National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK. 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.

The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust does not have any Policies on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders. Accordingly, patients will be treated based on their presenting condition.

Also your policy on the training of Trust personnel to manage patients with FASD.

As above, the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust does not have a policy on treating 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;

The Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust, as part of their continuous engagement strategy, link in with mother and toddler groups and schools to provide prevention education. Please follow the link below for further information.

<https://www.nhsdirect.wales.nhs.uk>

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b. diagnosis for both children and adults;

Please see the link above. Prevention education is part of the Trust's responsibility in terms of NHS Direct Wales and its Engagement Strategy.

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

This is not applicable to the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust.

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.

This is not applicable to the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust. The Trust is primarily concerned with the conveyance of patients to hospital. Doctors providing diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD would be employed by whichever local health board that is responsible for the receiving hospital.

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

The Trust provides support to staff through an independent provider and as mentioned in 2a, staff have access to the NHS Direct Wales web site and the supporting information contained therein.

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?

This is not applicable to the Welsh Ambulance Services NHS Trust. The Trust provides care to patients in regard to their presenting condition which may or may not be as a consequence of FASD. Unless this is shared at the time of contact, it may go undetected. Alternatively if it is mentioned during their episode of care then this would be included as part of the narrative on the patient's clinical record and then subsequently shared with the receiving hospital who may then provide specific treatment or refer the patient.

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

For the reasons stated above, this is not applicable to the Trust.

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

N/A

If you would like any further information, or if you would like to discuss the response in order to gain a better understanding of the data being presented, please do not hesitate contact me by email FOI.amb@wales.nhs.uk or telephone 01633 626221.

Under the Freedom of Information Act, I am required to inform you that if you are not satisfied with this response, you have the right to appeal in writing to the Trust at the above address or by emailing me at the address above.

I would advise you that if you remain dissatisfied with the way in which your request has been handled, you have the right to complain to the Information Commissioner who can be contacted at the Information Commissioner's Office, 2nd Floor, Churchill House, Churchill Way, Cardiff, CF10 2HH. Telephone 02920 678400.

Yours sincerely


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