

Reference: FOI 27230 SWI 12D

Subject: Services for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders

I can confirm that the CCG does not hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
	<p>In February 2017, Lord Boateng asked the government “what assessment they have made of the measures adopted in Scotland which provide guidance and support for children and young adults affected by foetal alcohol spectrum disorders.” Lord O’Shaughnessy replied that “Early intervention services can help reduce some of the effects of Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) and prevent some of the secondary disabilities that result. Responsibility for commissioning these services lies with clinical commissioning groups. [Hansard, Written Question HL5052, 10 February 2017. https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-01-27/HL5052/]</p> <p>This government policy was reiterated in July 2017 when Lord Campbell-Savours asked the government “what support they are providing for persons whose condition has been described as foetal alcohol spectrum disorder.” [Hansard, Written Question HL500 and Written Answer, 18 July 2017, https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Lords/2017-07-05/HL500/] In response, Lord O’Shaughnessy for the government wrote that “It is recognised that Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders (FASD) can have a significant impact on the early development of children, their behaviours and their life chances. Early intervention services can help reduce some of the effects of FASD and prevent some of the secondary disabilities that result. Responsibility for commissioning these services lies with clinical commissioning groups.” This was again repeated on 8 May 2018 by Steve Brine, Parliamentary Under-secretary at the Department of Health and Social Care. [Hansard, Written Question 139045, 8 May 2018. https://www.parliament.uk/business/publications/written-questions-answers-statements/written-question/Commons/2018-04-27/139045/]</p>

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)

<p>1. Please provide copies of any policies your CCG has on the commissioning of services for those with an FASD.</p>	<p>The CCG does not have policies on the commissioning of services for those with an FASD. Drug and alcohol services are commissioned via Swindon Borough Council Public Health. Please direct your request to them. I have provided a link for your convenience: http://www.swindon.gov.uk/info/20028/open_data_and_transparency/396/freedom_of_information/3</p>
<p>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:</p>	<p>This is part of the NHS standard contract with Oxford Health Foundation Trust. The children and young people's mental health provider reports externally to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regional Director of Public Health • Regional Quality Assurance Lead for the relevant programme • Director of the relevant national screening programme • Director of UK National Screening Committee.
<p>a. prevention education following the Chief Medical Officers' guidelines that the safest course is not to drink while pregnant or attempting to become pregnant;</p>	<p>See answer to Q2.</p>

<p>b. diagnosis for both children and adults;</p>	<p>Swindon CCG is constantly re-developing service specifications with providers and reviewing statutory guidance to inform this. There is currently nothing commissioned especially for FASD outside of contractual requirement for acute maternity services to report to commissioners by exception.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>See answer to Q2.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>None. See answer to Q2.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>There is not a specific budget. This is a Public Health commission via drug and alcohol services.</p>
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<p>5. Please release any agreed plans for service expansion for future years.</p>	<p>The CCG does not have any.</p>
<p>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).</p>	<p>No.</p>

<p>7. Does your CCG commission services from the National FASD Clinic? If so, what is the budget for this in the current financial year?</p>	<p>No.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>See answer to Q2.</p>
<p>9. Do you have a lead person in your CCG on FASD? Please provide the name and role of the person responsible.</p>	<p>No. The CCG does have a Maternity Lead – Carolyn Bell.</p>
<p>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.”?</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p>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?</p>	<p>From 01.01.2013 – 03.08.2018 No cases have been listed in Swindon for: foetal alcohol spectrum disorder – assessment foetal alcohol spectrum disorder – assessment and management</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 03 August 2018, and has been authorised for release by Swindon CCG.

Signed 

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