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Dear Ms Butcher

Request under Freedom of Information Act 2000

Request Ref: NGFOI 18/19: 225

Thank you for your request for information received at Northampton General Hospital NHS Trust (NGH) on 23/07/18.

I am pleased to be able to provide you with the following information:

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.*

Regarding prevention of FASD- Please see the attached.

All paediatricians are expected to have had training in recognition of symptoms and signs of FASD.

Paediatricians who undertake adoption medicals have attended special training events.

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;*

Antenatal Care Pathway attached. Information regarding drinking alcohol in pregnancy is on page 12 of the guideline.

Substance Misuse in Pregnancy Guideline attached.

b. *diagnosis for both children and adults;*

No specific information. Specific data is not collected.

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

No specific information. Specific data is not collected.

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.*

There are no specially trained professionals.

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

NA

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?-*

The Trust have not referred children to outside hospital for diagnostic assessments.

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

NA

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

NA

I trust you will be satisfied with the response. If you are not satisfied please let me know; alternatively, you may ask for an independent internal review under the Freedom of Information complaints procedure at NGH; <http://www.northamptongeneral.nhs.uk/About/Information-and-Data-Protection/Freedom-of-Information-Act/Complaints-and-review-FOI.aspx>.

If you require any further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above address or by e-mail to foi@ngh.nhs.uk quoting the above reference in any future communications.

Yours sincerely

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