

8 August 2018

Our Ref: NIC-217602-Q6R0B

Dear Sandra Butcher,

Re: Information Request – Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) 2000

Thank you for your email dated 23 July 2018 requesting the following 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.fasddclinic.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?*
- 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.*

If you are considering rejecting this request on the grounds of the costs of responding exceeding the statutory limits then please respond to as many of the numbered items as possible within the limit, in the order they have been presented.”

We have considered your request in accordance with S.1 (1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and can confirm that we do not hold the information requested.

NHS Digital is an Executive Non-Departmental Public Body (ENDPB), whose main responsibilities are the collection, analysis and publication of health and social care data and statistics, to inform local decision making and improve the quality and efficiency of frontline care.

However, you may find the following information of interest.

Our alcohol related publications: Statistics on Alcohol (<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/statistics-on-alcohol/2018>) provides information on the number of prescription items, net ingredient cost and average net ingredient cost per item of drugs prescribed for the treatment of alcohol dependence, dispensed in the community.

We also publish National level diagnosis data as part of the Hospital Admitted Patient Care Activity report. If this is of interest please see the following tables:

<https://files.digital.nhs.uk/publication/7/d/hosp-epis-stat-admi-diag-2016-17-tab.xlsx>

This is the latest finalised data, but earlier years can be accessed through the following link:

<https://digital.nhs.uk/data-and-information/publications/statistical/hospital-admitted-patient-care-activity>

The ICD-10 code 'Q86.0' is used to define foetal alcohol syndrome. You will also find an age breakdown within these tables.

In line with the Information Commissioner's directive on the disclosure of information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 your request will form part of our disclosure log. Therefore, a version of our response which will protect your anonymity will be posted on the NHS Digital website.

I hope you understand the reasons why we are unable to supply the information requested. However, if you are not satisfied, you may request a review from a suitably qualified member of staff not involved in the initial query, via the enquiries@nhsdigital.nhs.uk email address or by post at the above postal address.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Matthews
Information Governance Advisor

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