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Dear Ms Butcher

I refer to your Freedom of Information Act Request acknowledged by ourselves on 23rd July 2018. Your request sought information relating to Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD). Your questions are set out below:

- 1) **Copies of any policies that the Health Board 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 Health Board personnel to manage patients with FASD.**

The Health Board does not have a specific policy in relation to FASD.

- 2) **Any information you hold on services your Health Board 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;**

Public Health Wales would hold information on prevention education. They can be contacted via:
<http://www.wales.nhs.uk/sitesplus/888/page/46753>

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

The Health Board will liaise with medical genetics colleagues in assisting with making a diagnosis. Please note that the number of patients with this disorder since 2013 has been fewer than five patients.

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

Each infant and child is managed usually by the community paediatric department according to individual needs.

- 3) **Information on the number of Doctors in your Health Board who currently provide diagnostic and/or post-diagnostic services for FASD? Please provide their names and posts. Whether your Health Board 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.**

The Health Board would refer babies to Medical Genetics, Cardiff & Vale Health Board.

Children are usually managed by our community paediatrics service, the lead for which is Dr Matthew Obaid, Consultant Community Paediatrician at Princess of Wales hospital Bridgend. There are no specialist services specifically provided for this group of conditions.

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

Training is provided as part of the generic neonatal and paediatric curricula to trainee doctors on this condition.

- 5) **Information you hold on whether your Health Board 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?**

No

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

The Health Board does not hold a specific budget for FASD

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

The Health Board does not hold this information.

I hope this information is helpful. If you require anything further please contact us at FOIA.Requests@wales.nhs.uk.

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "P. a. Wenger". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Pam Wenger
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