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Re: Freedom of Information Request FOI 6176

We are writing in response to your request submitted under the Freedom of Information Act, received in this office on 15th February 2024.

Your request was as follows:

NICE Quality Standard 204 on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder was published 16 March 2022

(<https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nice.org.uk%2Fguidance%2Fqs204&data=05%7C02%7Cwcf.enquiries%40nhs.net%7C9a8ceba113394db3c12c08dc2e450a6d%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638436121253836353%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikk1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=DuglQNcqbUxZ39yFzGL8r%2BYfwsRohh6gD3j66ccKxDA%3D&reserved=0>)

1. Please confirm, has this quality standard been circulated to each team and service in your network?
2. Which teams/organisations/ leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them.
3. Please confirm if the Trust leads for a) children and young people (aged 0 to 25); b) children and young people with special educational needs and disability; c) safeguarding (all-ages); and d) learning disability and autism (all-ages) have to date included consideration of FASD and implementation of the NICE FASD Quality Standard 204 in their decision making about service provision and assessment of local need. If so, for each of the identified leads please explain how and provide any related documents.
4. If your NICE lead or other relevant person has created a review sheet, please provide that with a breakdown of every statement in the quality standard by structure, process and outcome measures.
5. If you don't have a review sheet, please indicate how your Trust is responding to the call for improvements in quality of care outlined in NICE Quality Standard 204.
6. How are you involving stakeholders and/ or tracking patient experiences of your response to the NICE Quality Standard 204?
7. Is there any other document your Trust has created that is related to improvement of quality of care regarding NICE Quality Standard 204? If so, please provide a copy.
8. Has your ICB commissioned a pathway for FASD diagnosis?
9. Please explain the process by which someone with possible FASD would be assessed in your Trust.

I can confirm in accordance with Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) that we do not hold the information you have requested as NICE QS 204 as it is not applicable for our Trust. Therefore, we cannot provide this information.

Under the FOIA, we are not required to create this information in order to answer your request. I should explain that the FOIA is to do with transparency of information held by public authorities. It gives an individual the right to access recorded information held by public authorities. The FOIA does not require public authorities to generate information, or to answer questions, provide explanations or give opinions, unless this is recorded information that they already hold.

Please see our response above in [blue](#).

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Please remember to quote the reference number, FOI 6176 in any future communications.

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Telephone: 0303 123 1113

Yours sincerely

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