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Re: Freedom of Information Request

Please find below the response to your recent Freedom of Information request regarding services for Foetal Alcohol Disorders within NHS Southport and Formby CCG.

Request/Response:

- 1) Please provide copies of any policies your CCG has on the commissioning of services for those with an FASD.
- 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:
 - a. prevention education following the 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 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?
- 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?
- 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?
- 5) Please release any agreed plans for service expansion for future years.

- 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).
- 7) Does your CCG commission services from the National FASD Clinic? If so, what is the budget for this in the current financial year?
- 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?
- 9) Do you have a lead person in your CCG on FASD? Please provide the name and role of the person responsible.
- 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.”?
- 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?

For questions 1 – 11 NHS Southport and Formby CCG has no specific service for Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders. Patient cohort care is undertaken via mainstream services with specialised input from Sefton Metropolitan Borough Council Drugs and Alcohol Service where appropriate.

Information and data is received at aggregate level and NHS Southport and Formby CCG cannot isolate individual treatment costs.