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I am responding to your request for information received 15 February 2024. I am sorry for the delay in responding to your request. This has been treated as a request under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

I am now enclosing a response which is attached to the end of this letter. Please do not hesitate to contact me on the contact details above if you have any further queries.

Yours sincerely,

Information Rights Coordinator

If you are dissatisfied with the Trust's response to your FOIA request then you should contact us and we will arrange for an internal review of this decision.

If you remain dissatisfied with the decision following our response to your complaint, you may write to the Information Commissioner for a decision under Section 50 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

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**Request:** NICE Quality Standard 204 on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder was published 16 March 2022  
(<https://qbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.nice.org.uk%2Fguidance%2Fqs204&data=05%7C02%7Celft.foi%40nhs.net%7C48d37899882a43f9067d08dc2e445342%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638436118181122811%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWIjojMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjojV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ik1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=IHPyn1j9XtXOLMFS8smB5vYagyfA5T4HW8Ri50OwbS4%3D&reserved=0>)

**Question 1:** Please confirm, has this quality standard been circulated to each team and service in your network?

**Answer:** Following a review by the Medical Director responsible for the triage of guidance, it was circulated for the attention of our GP practices, Perinatal services, SCYPS, and CAMHS services.

**Question 2:** Which teams/organisations/ leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them?

**Answer:** This is done on the behalf of clinical services Trust wide. The list of teams is not held locally.

**Question 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.**

**Answer:** The quality standard was circulated to GP practices, Perinatal services, SCYPS, and CAMHS services. The designated clinical leads for those services review the details of the standards which are relevant to their service against their current service provision to identify any actions that may be needed.

**Question 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.

**Answer:** In line with Trust process, we did not create a review sheet.

**Question 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.

**Answer:** The quality standard was circulated to GP practices, Perinatal services, SCYPS, and CAMHS services. The designated clinical leads for those services review the details of the standards which are relevant to their service against their current service provision to identify any actions that may be needed.



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**Question 6: How are you involving stakeholders and/ or tracking patient experiences of your response to the NICE Quality Standard 204?**

Answer: There is no specific action for this quality standard which is separate from usual processes for tracking patient experience in services.

**Question 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.**

Answer: No.

**Question 8: Has your ICB commissioned a pathway for FASD diagnosis?**

Answer: The Trust has reviewed question 8 of your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act (FOI) 2000.

Section 1(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 states:

Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled—

*(a) to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request, and*

*(b) if that is the case, to have that information communicated to them.*

East London NHS Foundation Trust is not an ICB and does not hold the information requested. The Trust is therefore unable to provide a response.

Please contact the BLMK ICB directly on email: [blmkicb.contactus@nhs.net](mailto:blmkicb.contactus@nhs.net) and NEL ICB on email: [nelondonicb.foi@nhs.net](mailto:nelondonicb.foi@nhs.net).

**Question 9: Please explain the process by which someone with possible FASD would be assessed in your Trust.**

Answer: The consultant psychiatrists and paediatricians in CAMHS and SCYPS have knowledge of FASD. All assessments are discussed in supervision and in MDT meetings, usually with a consultant with knowledge of FASD present. Neurodevelopmental assessments are carried out on all children if there are clinical concerns, regardless of whether there is a history of parental alcohol use. There are defined neurodevelopmental assessment pathways with clinicians experienced in the identification of neurodevelopmental disorders. If a diagnosis of FASD is suspected, children are referred to Great Ormond Street Hospital (GOSH) for a specialist view and genetic testing to exclude other causes (usually preceded by seeking advice beforehand from the GOSH specialist paediatricians). If the diagnosis of FASD is confirmed at GOSH, we follow any management plan set out by the diagnosing service at GOSH.



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