Freedom of Information Request

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*Note to Applicant: As of 1 April 2017, North Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (NEP) and South Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (SEPT) merged to form one new organisation known as Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust (EPUT).

Information Requested:

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.

   Essex Partnership Trust does not have a policy on FASD. Cases are managed at a local level depending on where the patient comes into contact with the service. Please note that community paediatrics/health visiting and maternity services are delivered by different providers, such as Virgin Care and Princess Alexandra Hospital NHS Trust.

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;

      This would be delivered by maternity and health visiting colleagues, but would also be mandatory advice for perinatal colleagues to be given and would be delivered face-to-face appointments and follow up work. It would also be stated in written advice that is given to women when they come into contact with maternity and health visiting colleagues.

   b. diagnosis for both children and adults;

      Diagnosis would come from Paediatrics colleagues for children and in adults this may come at a local level from clinicians assessing as part of their mental health assessment. Questions are mandatory about developmental and childhood experiences.


      The Trust is unable to answer as there is not as specific pathway of care.

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.

   The Trust does not have any specifically trained professionals or doctors who would provide specialist services for patients on the FASD spectrum.

4. Information on training provided to personnel in your Trust on FASD, or provided by others and accessed by your personnel.

   The Trust does not hold this information so cannot answer this question.

5. Information you hold on whether your Trust sends patients for FASD diagnosis to the National FASD Clinic in Surrey (https://www.fasdclinic.com)? Did your 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?

The Trust does not provide this service independently so cannot answer this question.

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

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