

## Freedom of Information Request

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### Information Requested:

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%7CEpunft.FOI%40nhs.net%7C988286018b5746cf15dd08dc2e445b2b%7C37c354b285b047f5b22207b48d774ee3%7C0%7C0%7C638436118377999229%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJWljiMC4wLjAwMDAiLCJQIjoiV2luMzliLCJBTiI6Ikl1haWwiLCJXVCi6Mn0%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=VVR8jA1jD5AgTxA9LCIvYOIJ%2BFdtOWvbDPc%2BRhkbO60%3D&reserved=0>)

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

QS204 has been circulated to all our Care units within EPUT as per our approach to NICE standards.

All NICE Quality standards are shared with the service at business meetings –for example at the Children Learning and Disability Service.

Relevant standards for pregnant women are built into standard assessments and treatments in the service – Perinatal Mental Health Services

Furthermore our safeguarding team highlighted to QS in there newsletter in February 2024 which is published and shared Trustwide.

2. Which teams/organisations/ leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them.

The guidance was deemed applicable to the following services:

- Learning Disability services
- Child and Adolescent Mental health services
- Secure Services
- Drug and alcohol services
- Mental Health Inpatient services
- Urgent care
- Mental health community services
- Childrens services
- Children Learning and Disability Service
- Community Perinatal Mental Health Services

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.

[The Children Learning and Disability Service utilise the standard for signposting or referral for any health or paediatric assessments. This process for children is routine practice and covered in procedures.](#)

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.

[The Quality Standard Service Improvement Template, specific to QS204, is circulated within the NICE dashboard to all Care Units each month. Currently, our NICE guidance process focuses on the Guidelines, but we are currently reviewing / restructuring our processes to change the focus to monitoring services according to Quality Standards.](#)

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?

[Children Learning and Disability Service and Perinatal Mental Health Services – patient experience feedback is about care delivery and does not specify any particular health conditions. This is collected through our I Want Great Care portal.](#)

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.

[No specific document has currently been created](#)

8. Has your ICB commissioned a pathway for FASD diagnosis?

[The ICB has confirmed there is a pathway for FASD support via a referral to a clinic in Surrey.](#)

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

[Referral for assessment would be made via GP and /or paediatric services.](#)

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