

FASD POLICY MATTERS

The Time is Now to Ramp Up FASD Services



National FASD has released a new report called "The Time is Now." It's huge - more than 130 pages long!



More than 60 doctors, researchers, policy makers and families of those with FASD gave input to this report



The Department of Health and NICE have released important new policies so it's an exciting time for policy makers to hear these ideas.



The 60 people held 9 meetings and gave lots of ideas for how to improve care for those with FASD and how to prevent FASD.

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The report has 10 main points



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There has never been a time like this in the UK before. FASD is now recognised by the Department of Health and an important organisation called NICE.



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Lots more people need to understand that the Chief Medical Officers call for alcohol-free pregnancy.



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A new study shows that about 3 out of 100 people have FASD. We need to act to prevent FASD!

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Government and public health workers need training to understand there are new guidelines for how to diagnose FASD.



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In England, the way the NHS is organised is changing. As things change to new Integrated Care Systems it might be a good time for planning new FASD services.

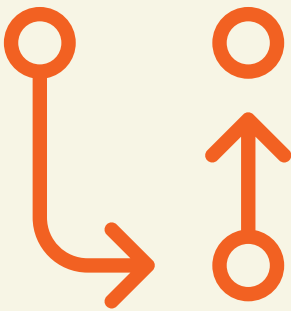


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People with FASD and their families should be involved in planning new FASD services.

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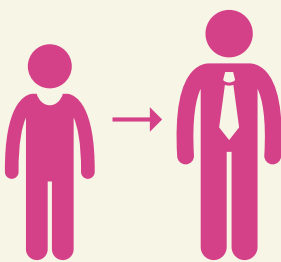
Policy makers need to put in place 'pathways' - a plan for how people will get diagnosed with FASD with input from a group of doctors and therapists with different backgrounds, like speech and language and sensory training.

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New care management plans are called for in the new NICE Quality Standard. Policy makers need to plan for these as they are really important.

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All the progress so far is only about children and young people. Action is needed for adults with FASD too.



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Our leaders need to talk about this more in public and they need to act.

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