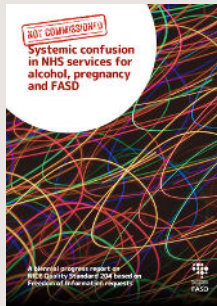


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Systemic confusion in NHS services for alcohol, pregnancy, & FASD



National FASD has a new report that shows that most NHS decision makers in England and Wales are not taking action about alcohol, pregnancy and FASD.



We sent Freedom of Information requests to Integrated Care Boards (England), Health Boards (Wales) and NHS Trusts in England and Wales.



By law they have to respond to these requests. Not every place responded in time, but we had enough information from those who did to write the report.



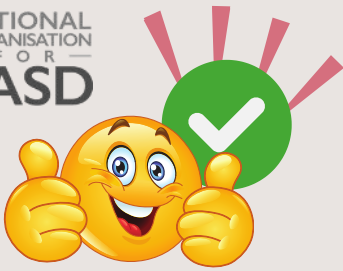
We asked what local and regional NHS policy makers are doing two years after the NICE Quality Standard 204 on FASD was published.



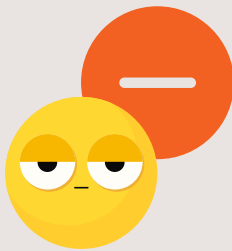
The NICE Quality Standard is about things the NHS should do to prevent FASD and to ensure those with FASD are diagnosed and supported.



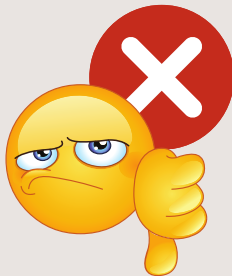
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Some places are doing a lot to take action and they can be examples to other places who are not yet taking action.



Others are taking what we called 'partial action'. They might be doing some things but they aren't doing everything called for in the NICE Quality Standard.



**But most are not taking action.
That is not okay.**



Too many places are saying it's not their job to make these improvements.



You and your family or supporters can look up in the report to see what the NHS in your area is doing. You could contact your MP or local NHS to say more needs to be done.



Our report includes stories of people who are pregnant or who have FASD who didn't get the right support from the NHS. There are so many more!



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National FASD and other FASD groups and experts all across the UK say The Time Is Now for decision makers all across the NHS to make this a priority. We produced an earlier report full of ideas.



National FASD is asking for the Government and MPs to get involved to make sure that local and regional decision makers are taking action and tracking improvements called for in the NICE Quality Standard.



We say it's time for Government to give money for this work to a new FASD Prevention and Response Fund.



We are asking for a very, very small amount of the money Government gets every time someone buys alcohol to go to this fund. This is only fair. Other countries spend at least this much on FASD prevention and support.



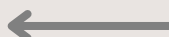
We have also asked policymakers to meet with people with FASD so they can hear more about how important it can be for someone to get diagnosed and the right support.

Together we can change things for the future!



For more information:

NICE Quality Standard 204 (Easy Access summary)



Time is Now (Easy Access summary)

