



**Staffordshire and  
Stoke-on-Trent**  
Integrated Care Board

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Dear

**FOI-0124-710**

**Your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000**

Thank you for your request for information received on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024. We can confirm that the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board can provide the following information.

An anonymised copy of this response will be made publicly available on the ICB website.

Please see our responses in blue below:

**NICE Quality Standard 204 on Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder was published 16 March 2022 (<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204>)**

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

This information is not held by the ICB.

- 2. Have teams or other organisations within your ICB been asked to identify whether NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to their service?**

Please see response to question one.

- 3. Which teams/organisations/ICB leads have identified that NICE Quality Standard 204 is applicable to them?**

Please see response to question one.

4. Please confirm if the lead ICB board members 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?

- a) Children and Young People (1 to 25) – Chief Transformation Officer.
- b) Children and Young People with special educational needs and disability – Chief Transformation Officer.
- c) Safeguarding (all ages) – Chief Nursing and Therapies Officer. Yes, considered within the FASD workstream, led by the Local Authority which Safeguarding personnel attend.

Your request should be sent to the Local Authority who will hold these documents. Contact details below:

**Staffordshire County Council**

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Your-council-and-democracy/Request-and-access-information/Request-and-access-information.aspx>

**Stoke-on-Trent City Council**

[https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20032/our\\_data/153/freedom\\_of\\_information\\_requests](https://www.stoke.gov.uk/info/20032/our_data/153/freedom_of_information_requests)

- d) Learning Disability and Autism (all ages) – Chief Transformation Officer.

The ICB does not have a local assessment of need or specific service provision for FASD.

Link to the Board members is publicly available at: [Board members Archive - Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent, Integrated Care Board \(icb.nhs.uk\)](https://www.icb.nhs.uk/Board-members-Archive-Staffordshire-and-Stoke-on-Trent-Integrated-Care-Board)

5. Please indicate who in your ICB has responsibility for each NICE Quality Standard 204 statement:

- a) Statement 1: Advice on avoiding alcohol in pregnancy (Pregnant women are given advice throughout pregnancy not to drink alcohol.)  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/gs204/chapter/Quality-statement-1-Advice-on-avoiding-alcohol-in-pregnancy>

Please see response to question one.

- b) **Statement 2: Fetal alcohol exposure (Pregnant women are asked about their alcohol use throughout their pregnancy and this is recorded)**  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204/chapter/Quality-statement-2-Fetal-alcohol-exposure>

Please see response to question one.

- c) **Statement 3: Referral for assessment (Children and young people with probable prenatal alcohol exposure and significant physical, developmental or behavioural difficulties are referred for assessment.)**  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204/chapter/Quality-statement-3-Referral-for-assessment>

The ICB does not commission a specific pathway for FASD and CYP's are supported within community paediatric services and if a further assessment is required refer to a specific clinic.

Please redirect your request to the following Providers:

**University Hospitals of Derby and Burton NHS Trust**  
<https://www.uhdb.nhs.uk/freedom-of-information-foi/>

**University Hospitals of North Midlands NHS Trust**  
<https://www.uhnm.nhs.uk/contact-us/>

**Midlands Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust**  
<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/about-us/freedom-information>

- d) **Statement 4: Neurodevelopmental assessment (Children and young people with confirmed prenatal alcohol exposure or all 3 facial features associated with prenatal alcohol exposure have a neurodevelopmental assessment if there are clinical concerns.)**  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204/chapter/Quality-statement-4-Neurodevelopmental-assessment>

Please see response to question c) above.

- e) **Statement 5: Management plan (Children and young people with a diagnosis of fetal alcohol spectrum disorder (FASD) have a management plan to address their needs.)**  
<https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs204/chapter/Quality-statement-5-Management-plan>

Please see response to question c) above.

- 6. 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?**

Please see response to question one.

- 7. If you do not have a review sheet, please indicate how your ICB is responding to NICE Quality Standard 204?**

Please see response to question one.

- 8. How are you involving stakeholders and/ or tracking patient experiences of your response to the NICE Quality Standard 204?**

Please see response to question one.

- 9. Is there any other document your ICB has created that is related to improvement of quality of care regarding NICE Quality Standard 204? If so, please provide a copy.**

No one specific document but promoting the health of pregnant women is included in many documents and action plans.

Should you require any further information or clarification regarding this response please do not hesitate to contact us. If you are dissatisfied with the response, you are entitled to request an internal review which should be formally requested in writing and must be within two calendar months from the date this response was issued.

### **To request an internal review**

You can request an internal review by contacting the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board FOI team by emailing the team at [StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk](mailto:StaffsStokeFOI@staffsstoke.icb.nhs.uk) or by post to the address at the top of this letter.

If you are not content with the outcome of your internal review, you may apply directly to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) for a decision. Generally, the ICO cannot make a decision unless you have exhausted the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Integrated Care Board's FOI complaints procedure.

The ICO can be contacted at:  
Information Commissioner's Office  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF  
[www.ico.gov.uk](http://www.ico.gov.uk)



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Yours sincerely

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