

Name of meeting: Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel

Date: 15 January 2019

Title of report: Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS)

Purpose of report:

To provide members of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel with the context and background to the discussions on Foetal Alcohol Syndrome (FAS) in Kirklees.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	N/A – Report produced for information only
Key Decision - Is it in the Council's Forward Plan (key decisions and private reports?)	No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	No
Date signed off by <u>Director</u> & name Is it also signed off by the Assistant Director for Financial Management, IT, Risk and Performance? Is it also signed off by the Service Director (Legal Governance and Commissioning)?	No – The report has been produced to support the discussions with local commissioners, Kirklees Council and the lead investigator of a UK and Ireland study of FAS.
Health Contact	Helen Severns and Tom Brailsford - North Kirklees Clinical Commissioning Group

Electoral wards affected: All

Ward councillors consulted: N/A

Public or private: Public

1. Summary

- 1.1 At the meeting held in July 2018 members of the Health and Adult Social Care Scrutiny Panel considered a new issue put forward by a member of the public requesting a review of the provision of support in Kirklees for children with Foetal Alcohol Syndrome.
- 1.2 The Panel agreed that an initial investigation into this matter should be undertaken by the Lead Member.
- 1.3 In August 2018 the Lead Member met with the Chief Officer of Greater Huddersfield Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) and North Kirklees CCG who agreed to arrange a short brief on the position locally.
- 1.4 In September 2018 the Panel received information from the CCGs which included details of a planned study to determine the incidence of FAS in the UK and Ireland and a document “ Our Forgotten Children – The Urgency of Aligning Policy with Guidance on the Effects of Antenatal Exposure to Alcohol which was produced following a roundtable discussion in Parliament with Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Stakeholders
- 1.5 Following further discussions with CCGs it was agreed that the scope of discussion be widened to include: the work of Learning disability services; Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) Kirklees Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) provision; and a focus on prevention.
- 1.6 Representatives from Greater Huddersfield CCG, North Kirklees CCG, Kirklees Council and the lead investigator of the UK and Ireland study of FAS will be in attendance to help inform the discussions.
- 1.7 Further information is attached including: A briefing report prepared by Greater Huddersfield CCG, North Kirklees CCG and Kirklees Council; details of the UK and Ireland FAS study; and the document Our Forgotten Children.

2. Information required to take a decision

N/A

3. Implications for the Council

N/A

4. Consultees and their opinions

N/A

5. Next steps

That the Overview and Scrutiny Panel for Health and Adult Social Care takes account of the information presented and considers the next steps it wishes to take.

6. Officer recommendations and reasons

That the Panel considers the information provided and determines if any further information or action is required.

7. Cabinet portfolio holder's recommendations

N/A

8. **Contact officer**
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9. **Background Papers and History of Decisions**
N/A
10. **Service Director responsible**
Julie Muscroft, Legal, Governance & Commissioning