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QUALITY STANDARD TOPIC OVERVIEW

1. Quality standard title

Fetal alcohol spectrum disorder

1. Introduction
   * 1. NICE quality standards

NICE quality standards are a concise set of prioritised statements designed to drive measurable quality improvements within a particular area of health or care.

The standards are derived from high-quality guidance, such as that from NICE or [accredited](http://www.nice.org.uk/About/What-we-do/Accreditation) by NICE. They are developed independently by NICE, in collaboration with health, public health and social care practitioners, their partners and service users. Information on priority areas, people's experience of using services, safety issues, equality and cost impact are considered during the development process.

NICE quality standards are central to supporting the government's vision for a health and social care system that is focused on delivering the best possible outcomes for people who use services, as detailed in the [Health and Social Care Act (2012)](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/2012/7/contents/enacted).

The quality standard development process is described in detail on the [NICE website](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards).

* + 1. This topic overview

This topic overview describes core elements of the quality standard. These include the population and topic to be covered, key source guidance to be used to underpin potential quality statements, any related quality standards, published current practice information and national or routine indicators and performance measures.

If the source guidance is not NICE guidance, it should meet the minimum quality criteria defined in NICE’s [accreditation programme](http://www.nice.org.uk/About/What-we-do/Accreditation).

1. This quality standard

This quality standard is expected to publish in July 2020.

* + 1. Population and topic to be covered

This quality standard will cover assessment and diagnosis of people affected by fetal alcohol spectrum disorder. It will also cover alcohol consumption during pregnancy.

* + 1. Key development sources (NICE and NICE-accredited sources)

### Primary source

* Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (2019) [Children and young people exposed prenatally to alcohol](https://www.sign.ac.uk/sign-156-children-and-young-people-exposed-prenatally-to-alcohol.html)

### Key policy documents, reports and national audits

Relevant policy documents, reports and national audits will be used to inform the development of the quality standard.

* The National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK (2019) [A crisis of commissioning: CCGs are failing government policy on FASD](http://www.nofas-uk.org/?cat=44)
* Public Health England (2018) [Preconception care: making the case](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/preconception-care-making-the-case)
* The National Organisation for Foetal Alcohol Syndrome-UK (2018) [Our forgotten children: The urgency of aligning policy with guidance on the effects of antenatal exposure to alcohol](http://www.nofas-uk.org/?cat=44)
* British Medical Association (2016) [Alcohol and pregnancy: preventing and managing fetal alcohol spectrum disorders](https://www.bma.org.uk/collective-voice/policy-and-research/public-and-population-health/alcohol/alcohol-and-pregnancy)
* All party parliamentary group on FASD (2015) [Initial report of the inquiry into the current practice picture of FASD in the UK today](http://www.nofas-uk.org/?p=1228)
  + 1. Related NICE quality standards

### Published

* [Developmental follow-up of children and young people born preterm](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs169) (2018) NICE quality standard 169
* [Antenatal and postnatal mental health](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs115/) (2016) NICE quality standard 115
* [Postnatal care](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs37) (2013) NICE quality standard 37
* [Antenatal care](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs22/) (2012) NICE quality standard 22
* [Alcohol-use disorders: diagnosis and management](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/qs11) (2011) NICE quality standard 11

### In development

* [Suspected neurological conditions](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10082) Publication expected July 2020
* [Maternal health](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10077) Publication date to be confirmed.

The full list of quality standard topics referred to NICE is available from the [quality standard topic library](http://www.nice.org.uk/Standards-and-Indicators/Developing-NICE-quality-standards-/Quality-standards-topic-library) on the NICE website.

1. Existing indicators

None found.

1. Further information

See the NICE website for more information about [NICE quality standards](http://www.nice.org.uk/standards-and-indicators) and the [progress of this quality standard](https://www.nice.org.uk/guidance/indevelopment/gid-qs10139).

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