

Dr Paul Williams – Primary Care

1. What are the levels of public and professional awareness? What data is there on drinking during pregnancy?

Most of my patients are aware of the message not to drink alcohol in pregnancy, but as most antenatal care is provided by midwives rather than GPs I'm not seeing pregnant women and particularly asking them about alcohol consumption so I can't be sure.

2. Is the advice to the public consistent?

It's hard to measure what GPs are telling patients about this, but all the messages I hear are consistent.

3. What preventative measures do we currently take?

It's probably best to ask midwifery services what they are doing – nothing systematic is done in general practice

4. What more can SBC and partners do to prevent FASD?

If the data exists about the scale of the problem, then more professional and public awareness can only be helpful

5. What are the issues around diagnosis and routes into specialist support?

There is no guidance given to GPs that I'm aware of on any issues to do with diagnosis of FASD. I've never made the diagnosis or been approached by anyone asking me to make a diagnosis

6. What support measures are in place for those with condition and their families?

I don't think I have any patients with FASD, but if I did and they needed some particular help I would ask Maria Catterick what to do.