



# FASD POLICY MATTERS

## WHAT'S NEW?

Change is coming in England about FASD (and it is likely this will spread to Wales and Northern Ireland too). Scotland's ahead of the rest of the UK. Their system is different.



# NICE

The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) has announced it is making a new **quality standard on FASD**.

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This standard will identify up to 5 key areas for health care improvement on FASD.

For the first time in England, local areas will have to show what they are doing to improve FASD services.



What is

# NICE

NICE provides national guidance and advice to improve health and social care.

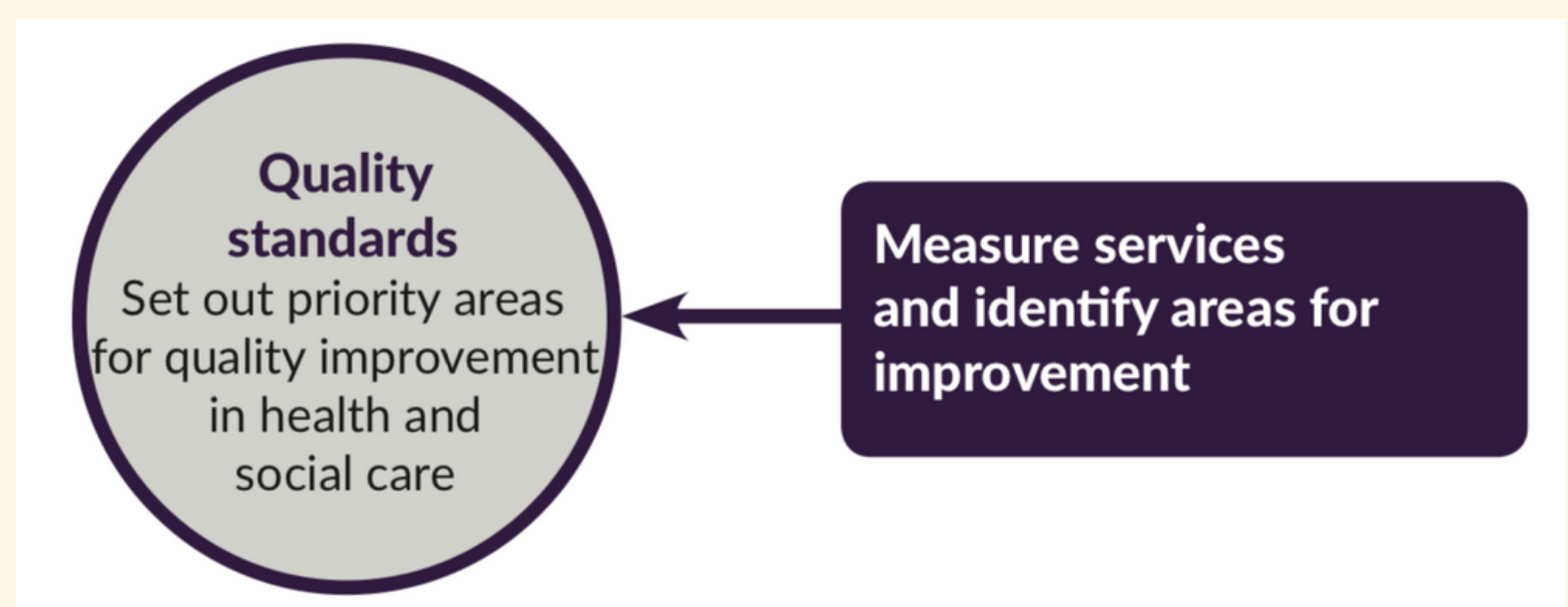


Its job is to improve outcomes for people using the NHS and other public health and social care services.

NICE quality standards are designed to drive and measure priority quality improvements



Change in FASD services won't happen right away, but this will mean FASD can no longer be ignored by those delivering health and social care.



<https://www.nice.org.uk/Media/Default/About/what-we-do/our-programmes/using-nice-products.pdf>

# SIGN



This upcoming NICE quality standard on FASD will be based on new Scottish SIGN guidance, which **focuses on FASD in children and young people.**



While the NICE quality standard won't look at improving care for adults, it is only the first step.

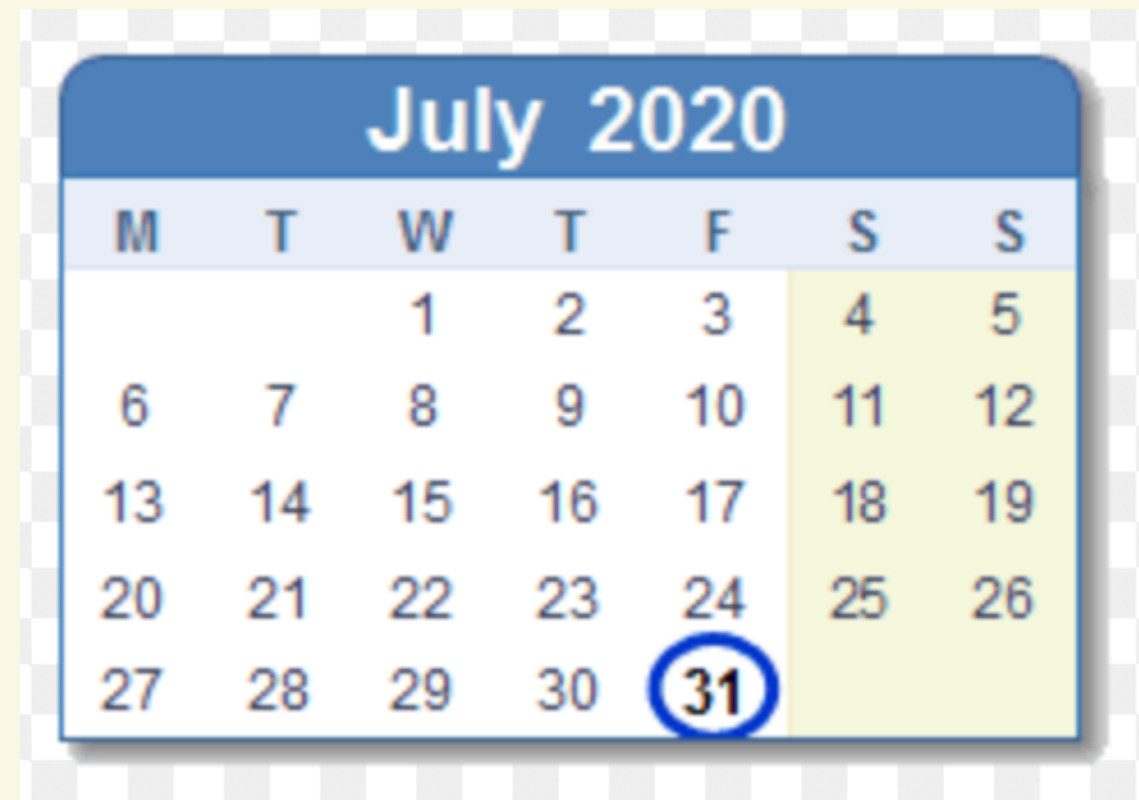
If you have FASD or care for someone with FASD, that makes you a 'stakeholder'. You have a right to have your views heard.



Organisations can register to be part of this process. NOFAS-UK and other FASD UK Alliance groups will help ensure that they #HearOurVoices and will continue to seek your input.

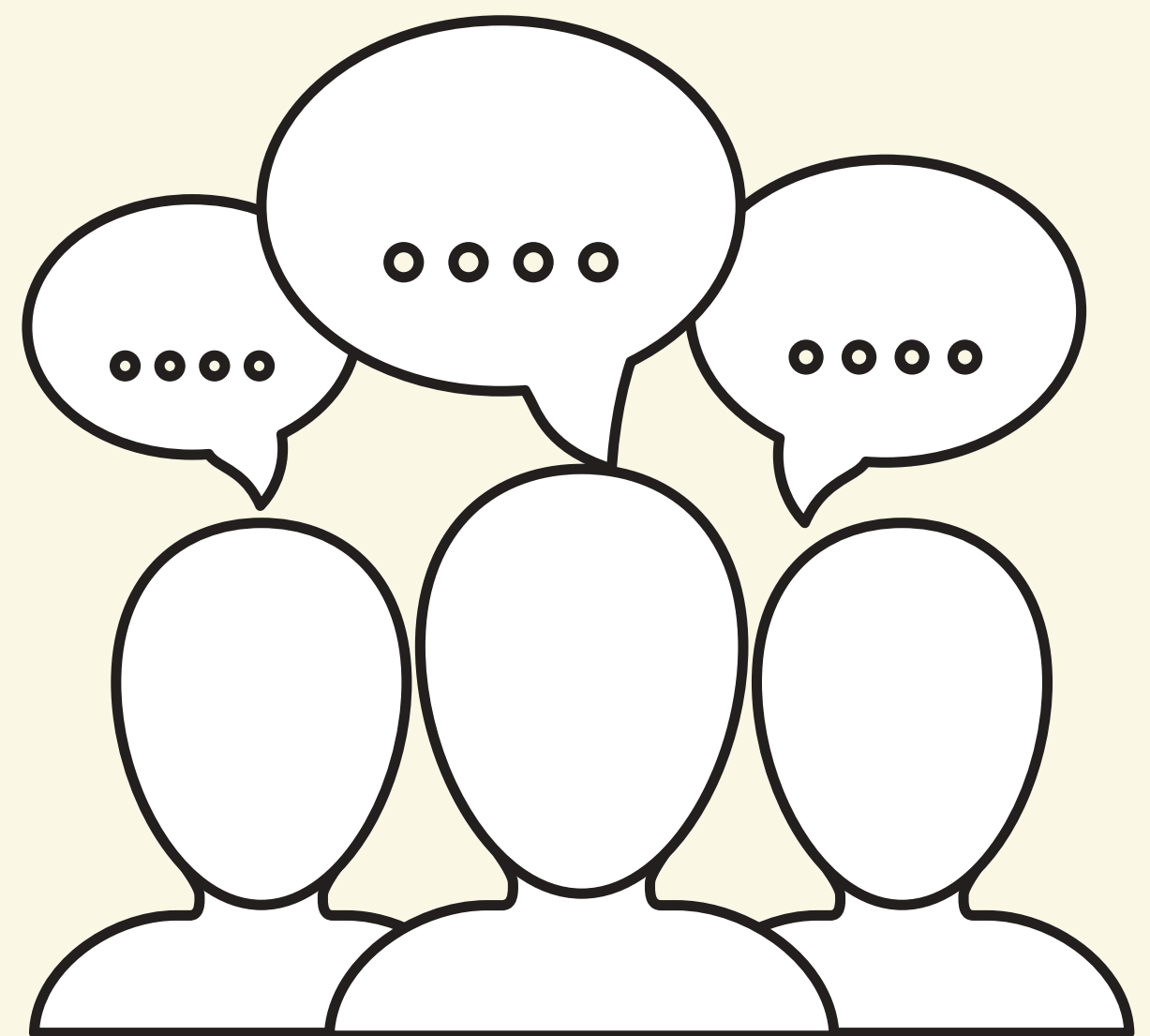


The new NICE quality standard is due by 31 July 2020.



This isn't the only chance to address issues not covered in the Scottish SIGN guidance.

Some people are pushing for NICE to make its own guidance on FASD that can cover more things - like care after a diagnosis and issues for adults.



NOFAS-UK and other groups in the FASD UK Alliance have been urging action from policy makers. This update is about health but also other changes are needed in education and benefits and other areas.

All people with FASD - adults and children - have a right to diagnosis and support with dignity.

**Change is coming!**

