

Screening Programmes

Fetal Anomaly

Date: 13th March 2012

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Dear Colleague,

Re: NATIONAL CONSULTATION EVENT
18⁺⁰ to 20⁺⁶ weeks fetal anomaly scan: National standards and guidance for England

The NHS Fetal Anomaly Screening Programme (FASP) is funded by the Department of Health to produce evidence based policies, standards, guidance and resources for all NHS hospital Trusts that provide an antenatal obstetric screening service for pregnant women in England. In line with the UK NSC triennial review process and as part of the on-going work of NHS FASP, a review and revision of the '*18⁺⁰ to 20⁺⁶ weeks fetal anomaly scan: National standards and guidance for England*' (2010) publication, will start in 2012.

NHS FASP is to undertake a review of the 'National standards' document which provides 'best practice' standards and guidance for staff working in obstetric sonography departments around the mid-trimester fetal anomaly scan.

You are invited to comment on the document during a 4 week consultation via the NHS FASP website.

This consultation will take place from Monday 2nd April to Monday 30th April 2012 and will be advertised on the NHS FASP website (<http://www.fetalanomaly.screening.nhs.uk>)

Please note that we are unable to accept:

- Comments received after the consultation deadline (5pm)
- Comments that are not on the correct proforma

Please provide all responses to the document using the comments proforma (ensuring all relevant fields are completed, including your organisation's full name) and forward this electronically **by 5pm on Monday 30th April 2012** at the very latest to Elaine.Green@ansnsc.co.uk:



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Alternatively, people may complete the form by hand, **but every effort must be made to make all comments legible**. The form can then be returned by post (at the above address).

You should receive an acknowledgement from NHS FASP when you email your comments. If you do not receive this acknowledgement, please contact Elaine.Green@ansnsc.co.uk PA/Administrator for the project to ensure your comments have been safely received.

On receiving this letter, **it would be extremely helpful if you could disseminate this information to all your relevant networks**. All feedback is important and will be treated in the strictest of confidence and responses received will be reviewed by the NHS National Ultrasound Standards Core Reference Group.

For any other queries about this consultation or about any of our screening programmes, please contact the Programme Centre on the above number.

Yours sincerely



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