



Greater Manchester FASD Network update

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What is the Greater Manchester FASD Network?

- Founded in 2019
- Exists to provide a link across Greater Manchester for parents, carers, professionals, community, and voluntary organisations
- Facilitates information sharing and communication on
 - how to promote better outcomes for individuals with FASD and
 - prevent alcohol exposed pregnancies.

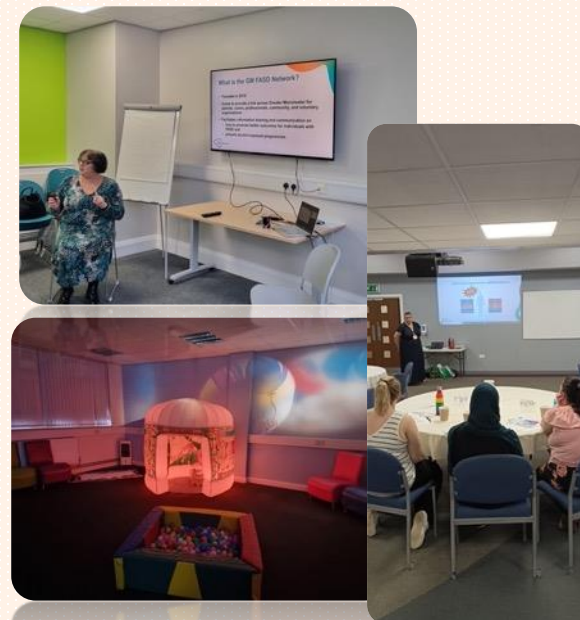
What is the GM FASD Network?

- National FASD has been awarded an 18 month contract for continued development of the Greater Manchester FASD Network (through June 2025)
- This is funded by the NHS Greater Manchester Integrated Care Board (ICB)



Building the network

- 6 Face to Face Roadshows (Wigan, Bolton, Bury, Rochdale, Trafford & Salford)
- 5 thematic online roadshows (Education, substance misuse services, neurodevelopmental services, prevention and children's workforce)
- 2 Half term events for children and families
- Growing network database - 92 parents and carers and professionals across Greater Manchester so far
- GM wide survey



Empowering family advocacy

- Up to 75 one-on-one (or group sessions) consultations to discuss management plan made available
- 1 half day Allies training ran November 2024
- 200 Living FASD subscriptions series 2 made available

Please send families our way!
We have lots we can do to help



Raising awareness

Please send us a photo if you see the materials displayed

- 10,000 Alcohol and Pregnancy leaflets to maternity and family health services – with GM FASD Network contact
- Over 5000 copies of each of 5 posters to the 23 hospitals in GM - with GM FASD Network contact
- New “Ask about FASD?” distributed across NHS GM
- 2000 Network postcards distributed across GM
- Awareness month Pregnant Pause event with media briefing





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FASD



Feedback

Give me greater insight into the needs and potential undiagnosed difficulties of children in my class

[It was useful] not having to worry about my son's behaviours and meeting other parents with experience of fasd

[I found it useful] learning about all of the resources/places to get support. Strategies to use.

I really felt the benefit from speaking to the carers and parents. People with lived experiences make a huge difference to my understanding of the impact of FASD

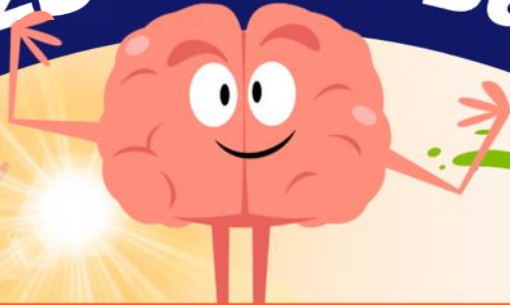
Hearing about people's experiences for why they have joined this roadshow, either personal or professional, really helps us understand the various reasons individuals want to learn more about FASD. This helps us identify key areas for targeted support.



12th-14th April



2025 Brain Base



FASD Wellbeing Summer Fun Days



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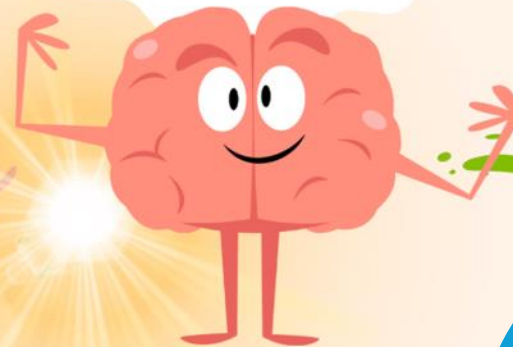


100%

100% of the young people at the 2018 Brain Base said they felt happier after having been at the Summer Fun Days

Tap into local support

Learn brain-based strategies for FASD



<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/greater-manchester-fasd-network-brain-base-registration-905983500037>

SERIES 2

SUBSCRIBE NOW!

families



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THE magazine for those with FASD



You will get four editions of the magazine and resources between Sept 2024 and Summer 2025.

Please see <https://fasd.me/club/> for examples of what we have done before.

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Professionals

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Teaching a Student with FASD

Your understanding can transform lives

UNDERSTAND

RECOGNISE

ACCOMMODATE

This resource will help you to:

- Understand what FASD means for your student
- Focus on educational strengths of students with FASD
- Remember the importance of learning to tolerate with FASD
- Understand brain-based issues that impact learning
- Explore your role in supporting a student with FASD
- Work with parents, guardians and carers as allies
- Reflect on existing principles
- Consider reasonable adjustments and statutory rights
- Adapt classroom strategies
- Access FASD resources to help you in your role



Please sign up and have the magazines available – “you can’t be it if you can’t see it”

Awareness poster



Is your child struggling and you don't know why?

Ask about FASD FASD is more common than autism, but often missed. It may affect more than 103,000 people in Greater Manchester

FASD challenges include:

- Memory
- Learning
- Sensory processing
- School
- Social skills
- Behaviour
- Hyperactivity
- Sleep
- Hyperactivity
- Attention
- Communication
- Motor skills
- Consequential thinking
- Maths/time/money

The Greater Manchester FASD Network can help:

- Learn more about FASD (Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder)
- Free subscription to Living FASD Series 2
- Fun, engaging events specifically for children with FASD such as Brain Base
- Share your experiences to improve services and practice
- Join a network of families and professionals with a shared interest in improving outcomes for people with FASD
- Free 1-1 consultations with National FASD experts

Join the Greater Manchester FASD Network
For parents, carers, professionals and community groups or voluntary organisations across Greater Manchester.



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Can you display this in your services?

Dates for your diary

- **22nd January 2025** Working with vulnerable adults online roadshow
- **3rd February 2025** Online Roadshow
- **6-7 February 2025** – TES SEND North info table
- **25th February 2025** General health and therapies online roadshow
- **12th March 2025** Manchester Roadshow
- **17th March 2025** Benefits/DWP/ Citizen Advice Bureau online roadshow
- **2nd April 2025** Online thematic roadshow
- **12th April 2025** Brain Base for children and families
- **8th April 2025** Stockport roadshow
- **15th May 2025** Online thematic roadshow
- **7 June 2025** - Triathlon for children and families



Keep checking for
more events:
[www.gmfasdnetwork
.info/key-dates/](http://www.gmfasdnetwork.info/key-dates/)

Are you signed up for updates?



Questions

