

Updated data – VicFAS Diagnostic Clinic – August 2019 – June 2020.

Sixteen children have commenced and/or completed the diagnostic process. The demographic profile of children presenting to the clinic includes:

- 56% male
- average age was 8y, 9m
- 38% of children were Aboriginal
- 88% of children attending the clinic had had previous involvement with DHHS, and all of this group had been in out of home care at some stage
- 81% of children assessed were currently in long term or permanent care,
- Of those in long term or permanent care, children had been in their current placement from an average of 7 years (range 2.8 -12.5 years).

Of the children meeting FASD diagnostic criteria seen August 2019 – June 2020:

Severe impairment was present in 3-6 neurodevelopmental domains (most commonly in 4 domains).

3 (23%) met criteria in Brain structure/neurology

9 (69%) met criteria in Motor Skills impairment

5 (38%) met criteria in Cognition

7 (54%) met criteria in Language

2 (15%) met criteria in Memory impairment

9 (69%) met criteria in Attention

9 (69%) met criteria in Executive Function

4 (31%) met criteria in Affect

11 (85%) met criteria in Adaptive Functioning

Other diagnoses, most common:

11 (85%) had pre-existing diagnosis of ADHD

3 (23%) had anxiety disorders pre-existing

4 (31%) had speech or language delay (moderate to severe)