

Level 3 Sexual Health Services

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Levels of SH Services

- Level 3 SH services are specialist community sexual health services which include the provision of comprehensive, confidential, open-access level 3 sexual health services for:
 - Contraception
 - STI testing & treatment
 - Chlamydia screening programme 15-24 year olds
 - Psychosexual counselling
 - Specialist outreach services for young people
 - Sexual Health Promotion and HIV prevention services
- Level 2 services are LA commissioned & include: services for Long-Acting Reversible Contraception, Emergency Contraception and Chlamydia Screening
- Level 1 services are within the GP contract

Local Authority mandate

- Secondary legislation: “The Local Authorities (Public Health Functions and Entry to Premises by Local Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013” requires local authorities to provide or secure the provision of open access sexual health services for:
 - i) preventing the spread of sexually transmitted infections
 - ii) treating, testing and caring for people with such infections
 - iii) notifying sexual partners of people with such infections
 - iv) contraceptive services including the availability of advice on, and reasonable access to, a broad range of contraceptive substances and appliances
 - v) advice on preventing unintended pregnancy
- According to the regulations, “open access services” means “services that are available on a self-referral basis for the benefit of all people present in the local authority’s area” (i.e. not just Hampshire residents). Providers then invoice the local authority where that person is resident.

Current Contracts

- Sexual health services for Hampshire residents were substantially redesigned into an integrated service model by NHS Hampshire in accordance with national policy. The revised contract was approximately £1M cheaper & was awarded to Solent NHS Trust following a full procurement process in 2011 and expires 31st March 2017 (includes 12 month STA)
- Integration - the integration of sexually transmitted infection services with contraception and other related sexual health services to offer a one-stop shop approach.
- A similar current service is commissioned separately by Southampton and Portsmouth local authorities
- CCG commissioned services (termination of pregnancy and vasectomy) also form part of the integrated service model
- The Hampshire Level 3 service has been extensively benchmarked and delivers good value for money
- HCC holds a separate contract for Hampshire residents to use GUM services at Frimley Park Hospital and is required to pay for other out of county (OOC) attendances by Hampshire residents at other level 3 services in England.

Transformation

- A recent Hampshire Sexual Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) has identified population groups and geographical areas of greatest need with extensive engagement
- Most at risk
 - young people aged 15-24,
 - men who have sex with men (MSM) and
 - people of Black or mixed ethnicity.
- Demand - while the sexual health of the Hampshire population is improving, use of most L3 sexual health services continues to increase in line with national trends
 - As a result some residents are experiencing long waiting times in clinics for straight forward procedures
- Total HCC spend on sexual health services per capita is lower than national, regional, ONS cluster and deprivation decile averages
- Analysis identifies opportunities to innovate and transform services to manage costs

Transformation

- Transformation programme developed with the main provider which includes:
 - Development of a digital front door including self-care and signposting to the full range of SH services (Levels 1 to 3)
 - Availability of STI self-sampling kits (online and in-clinics) for asymptomatic residents aged 18 and over
 - Improved support for level 1 and 2 providers including pathways and training
 - More targeted behaviour change support for residents who struggle to manage their own sexual health
 - Future demand and need forecasting including optimal clinic type and location analysis
- Pilots are running from September to February and the outcomes will inform future service model development and procurement

Procurement considerations

- Planning a joint procurement with Portsmouth and Southampton LAs as significant numbers of Hampshire residents access services in these cities
- Exploring collaboration with NHS England (HIV treatment) and CCGs (ToP & Vasectomy services) for economies of scale
- Procurement is being managed within Transformation to 2017 processes

- Transformation programme (Sept 15-Feb 16)
- Soft market testing and pre-tender market engagement (Nov 15-Jan 16)
- Seeking Executive decision to spend (Jan 16)
- Formal procurement (April-Sept 16)
- Contract award & mobilisation (Oct 16- Mar 17)
- Service commencement (April 17)