

# Equality Impact Assessment

## Name of project/proposal

Level 3 Sexual Health Services

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## Purpose for project/proposal

The purpose of this proposal is to seek Executive Member approval to spend and award a contract in respect of Level 3 Sexual Health Services from the 1st of April 2017 for a maximum period of seven years.

## Consultation

Has a consultation been carried out?

Yes

A public and practitioner consultation has been carried out to inform the future commissioning and procurement of these services:

An online public and practitioner sexual health services questionnaire was completed by 626 respondents (October-November 2014)

Two focus group sessions were held with men who have sex with men (MSM) and young parents aged 17-24 (October 2014)

## Statutory considerations

### Impact

Age Low

Disability Low

Sexual orientation Low

Race Low

Religion and belief Low

Gender reassignment Low

Sex Low

Marriage and civil partnership Low

Pregnancy and maternity Low

### Other policy considerations

Poverty Low

Rurality Low

Other factors Nothing selected

Geographical impact

All Hampshire

Have you identified any medium or high impact?\*

Yes

No

Why do you consider that your project/proposal will have low or no impact?

A Sexual Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) has been updated to identify population groups and geographical areas of greatest need.

There are currently no material changes proposed to the existing model of delivery for level 3 sexual health services. Consequently it is not anticipated that the procurement of these services will have any negative impact upon any particular group of clients. A public consultation exercise has taken place to inform the procurement of these services which has been carefully analysed to identify the needs and preferences of groups with protected characteristics. These findings will be used to inform the planned service specification(s).

The procurement provides the opportunity to deliver a range of positive enhancements that will be of benefit to all Hampshire residents as well as specific target groups

This will include:

The availability of STI self-sampling services for residents who are unable to access local clinics thereby enhancing local access to the benefit of clients affected by mobility issues and travel poverty and/or those living in dispersed rural communities;

The focusing of dedicated resources on engaging with population groups at most risk of poor sexual health, including young people aged 15-24, men who have sex with men (MSM) and people of Black or mixed ethnicity

## Final decision date

Final decision date due

18 Jan 2016

Decision to be made by

Executive Member