

**Sexual Health Consultation 2019 onwards**

**Introduction**

The existing sexual health contracts end on 31 December 2018. Through 2018 Hull City Council will procure a new sexual health services for the City of Hull. We are asking for input from a range of stakeholders to inform the procurement of a new model of delivery.

**Why a new model**

The Public Health grant is reducing since awarding the contracts in 2015 we have had to reduce contract values. These reductions were focussed on prevention / promotion services in order to ensure the sexual health mandate was adhered to. The budget is facing a further reduction with approx. 10% reduction on existing spend. We need to reshape provision to ensure that services are the best possible within the reduced financial envelope.

**Sexual Health Mandate**

Hull City Council have to ensure we have a sexual health service for those present in the city which can provide contraception services and screen and treat sexually transmitted infections such as Chlamydia, HIV and Syphilis etc.

**What Services Do Hull City Council need to commission / provide**

Local authorities are responsible for the following services:

- Contraception / Family Planning Services
- Sexually Transmitted Infections testing and treatment
- HIV testing
- Sexual Health Promotion
- Counselling services linked to sexual health
- Emergency contraception e.g. morning after pill

Sexual Health commissioning responsibilities are divided across three commissioning authorities. In relation to contraception and sexually transmitted infections Primary Care are also contracted to deliver aspects through the NHS England contract (in bold below):

<i>NHS England commissions:</i>	<p><b>Contraception provided as an additional service under the GP contract (Oral and Injectable)</b>  HIV treatment and care (including drug costs for PEPSE)  <b>Promotion of opportunistic testing and treatment for STIs and patient-requested testing by GPs</b>  Sexual health elements of prison health services  Sexual assault referral centres (SARC)  Cervical screening  Specialist foetal medicine services</p>
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## **Existing model**

In 2015 Hull City Council commissioned three contracts to deliver sexual health provision across the life course and aim to engage patients at the earliest possible opportunity to improve the sexual health of the population.

The overarching aim for the sexual health system in Hull was to improve the sexual health of the whole population by:

- Reducing inequalities and improving sexual health outcomes
- Building an open and honest culture where everyone is able to make informed and responsible choices about relationships and sex
- Recognising that sexual ill health can affect all parts of society, often when it is least expected
- Providing accessible services in a way that meets the needs of the local population and those most at risk

## **Proposed Early Help Sexual Health Model 2015**

### Contracts

The current model is delivered through three contracts:

1. Clinical service (which incorporates community and pharmacy provision) managed by City Health Care Partnership
2. Young Peoples Prevention / Promotion Service managed by Cornerhouse
3. Adult Prevention / Promotion Service managed by MESMAC

**1) Community based sexual health services providing level 1 and 2 Sexual Transmitted Infections testing and treatment, Family Planning treatment service for whole population, delivered through clinics, pharmacies, GPs**

**2) Young People Sexual Health Promotion; level 1 sexual health service early help targeting at risk groups**

**3) Adult Sexual Health Promotion; level 1 sexual health service early help targeting at risk groups**

## **Public Consultation**

Hull City Council are holding a number of focus groups with communities / groups identified with health inequalities in relation to sexual health.

There is also a wider public survey to capture views and opinions of the population:  
<https://www.snapsurveys.com/wh/s.asp?k=151758485514>

Please could this link be circulated to pharmacies so their patients have an opportunity to respond.

### **Pharmacy Consultation**

In addition I would be grateful if pharmacies could email me directly ([paul.laing@hullcc.gov.uk](mailto:paul.laing@hullcc.gov.uk)) with their experiences of the existing model (since 1 January 2015).

Some ideas of questions we are exploring:

Does a lead provider model work for pharmacies and their patients?

What are pharmacy experiences of accessing sexual health services for patients in Hull?

What is pharmacies experience of accessing sexual health promotion services and could this be improved?

What is pharmacies experiences for patients to access sexual transmitted infection testing and treatment?

How can we improve Contraception (including emergency contraception) / STI testing & treatment and Sexual Health Promotion services in Hull?

Any other views or experiences from pharmacies?

This information will help to inform the final model of delivery in 2019. Responses are required by 16 March 2018

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