

TELFORD & WREKIN COUNCIL

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD - 15 May 2013

TITLE - Sexual Health Services & Commissioning Process

REPORT OF – Laura Johnston Director of Children & Family Services

PART A) – SUMMARY REPORT

1. SUMMARY OF MAIN PROPOSALS

This report provides the Board with an update on the current position and future commissioning process for the delivery of Sexual Health Services in Telford & Wrekin.

2. FOR INFORMATION OR DECISION

This report is for information for Board members.

3. RECOMMENDATIONS

Board Members are recommended to consider and note the information provided to enable them to be fully informed about the process.

4. SUMMARY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

COMMUNITY IMPACT	Do these proposals contribute to a specific HWB Priority	
	Yes	Priority 2 - Reduce Teenage Pregnancy Rates.
	Will the proposals impact on specific groups of people?	
	Yes	It impacts on all people in the Borough who may be sexually active but particularly the more vulnerable groups.
TARGET COMPLETION/DELIVERY DATE	<i>Insert date and if more than 6 months after the date of the HWB report, list key milestones</i> N/A	

FINANCIAL/VALUE FOR MONEY IMPACT	Yes	<p>The 2013/14 Public Health Grant of £10.6m has been allocated provisionally based on the known contracts, service costs and staffing establishment for 2013/14.</p> <p>There is some work to do to complete this exercise but much of the budget work is done. The current estimates for sexual health within the provisionally allocated budget is £1.042m, split between prescribed services, including Sexually transmitted infections £277k, contraception £454k and non prescribed services such as advice £311k.</p>
LEGAL ISSUES	Yes	<p>Following the transfer of a number of public health functions to this Council from 1.04.2013 members will be aware that the Council has taken on the management of current contracts and also the commissioning process going forward. The current contract is based on a national model.</p> <p>A number of other contracts have been extended in accordance with Guidance for a short term and this will give the Council an opportunity to progress the commissioning process in accordance with procurement regulations to put in place new contracts on the expiry of the extended contracts.</p>
EQUALITY & DIVERSITY	No	<p>Sexual health services are 'open access' which means someone can just turn up to clinics without an appointment.</p> <p>All sexual health services as outlined in this report are provided free to users.</p>
IMPACT ON SPECIFIC WARDS	No	
PATIENTS &/OR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT	Yes	<p>Consultation with young people and adults was carried out to inform the way the service will operate. Four young people formed part of the tender evaluation.</p>
OTHER IMPACTS, RISKS & OPPORTUNITIES	No	

PART B) – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

5. INFORMATION

5.1 Why is it important?

The provision of Sexual health services is an important and wide-ranging area of public health and an important function for this Council. Most of the adult population of England are sexually active, and having the correct sexual health interventions and services can have a positive effect on population health and wellbeing as well as individuals at risk. Access to effective contraception services is essential for reducing teenage pregnancy.

5.2 The commissioning landscape

As of 1st April 2013, a number of different commissioning organisations are involved in commissioning various aspects of sexual health services. Local authorities are now responsible for commissioning most sexual health services and interventions, but some elements of care will be commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups or by the NHS Commissioning Board.

Table 1: Sexual Health Commissioning Responsibilities as of 1st April 2013

Local Authorities	Clinical Commissioning Groups	NHS Commissioning
<p>comprehensive sexual health services, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sexual Health Local Enhanced Service delivered by GP's (excluding contraception provided as an additional service under the GP contract) Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) treatment and testing and HIV testing <p>Any sexual health specialist services, including young people's sexual health and teenage pregnancy services, outreach, HIV</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Abortion services Vasectomy Non-sexual health elements of psychosexual health services Gynaecology, including any use of contraception for non-contraceptive purposes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contraception provided as an additional service under the GP contract HIV treatment and care Sexual health elements of prison health services Sexual Assault Referral Centre Cervical Screening Specialist fetal medicine

prevention and sexual health promotion work, services in schools, colleges and pharmacies		
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It will therefore be important for this Council to develop robust commissioning processes which will include putting in place partnership arrangements with other commissioners across this changed commissioning landscape to ensure continuity of high quality provision.

5.3 Sexual Health Services in Telford & Wrekin

Last year Telford & Wrekin Primary Care Trust gave notice to Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust that it intended to go to a competitive tender process for all sexual health services provided by them.

The reason to tender was commissioning requirements placed on the PCT and the need to test the market given the significant service redesign required to deliver a modern 21st Century contraception and sexual health service.

The tender exercise was led by the Healthcare Commissioning Service to ensure complete transparency and integrity of the procurement process. This also involved consultation with young people and adults as well as four young people forming part of the tender evaluation.

The contract was awarded to Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent Partnership Trust, who have many years of experience in delivering sexual health services.

In the past, Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI) testing and treatment, and contraception were provided in different settings. As of 1st April 2013 the new and improved sexual health service contract includes a mixture of 'one stop shops' where all levels of sexual health, contraception and sexual health needs from basic to complex/specialist can be met at one site, supported by satellite clinics and targeted clinical outreach for vulnerable/at risk groups. By having an integrated sexual health service means that service users only need to visit one clinic for all their sexual health needs.

Current provision provides:-

- a combination of walk-in and appointment clinics
- easy accessible clinics delivered in a range of settings, including one in a children's centre
- Specialist genito-urinary medicine (GUM) services delivered outside of the hospital setting
- regular and predictable opening hours extending into evenings and weekends

5.4 Other sexual health initiatives commissioned by the Council

5.4.1 Local Enhanced Services

16 GP practices in Telford have Locally Enhanced Service agreements in place for the provision of some methods of Long-Acting Reversible Contraception and Chlamydia screening.

9 pharmacies in Telford provide Chlamydia screening and Testing, Emergency Hormonal Contraception and Condom Distribution.

5.4.2 HIV Prevention and Support

To support early diagnoses and help people living with HIV in Telford, Telford & Wrekin Council commission Terrence Higgins Trust who provide a range of work programmes, including self-help groups.

5.5 Planned next steps

Reducing the number of teenage pregnancies is one of the ten strategic priorities agreed by the Telford and Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board. The teenage pregnancy board which will be re-launched to include Sexual Health Services will manage and oversee the following in 2013/14

- Development of a multi-agency sexual health and teenage pregnancy/support strategy and action plan
- Outcome and performance monitoring of sexual health services and teenage pregnancy initiatives

6.0 IMPACT ASSESSMENT – ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

N/A

7.0 PREVIOUS MINUTES

N/A

8.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

N/A

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