



Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commissioning Group

**Briefing
for
Telford & Wrekin Health and Wellbeing Board**

Contraception and Sexual Health Services

1.0 Introduction

1.1 From the 1st April 2013, under new statutory arrangements set out in the Health & Social Care Act, T&W Council will be responsible for a range of Public Health functions, previously commissioned or provided by T&W Primary Care Trust. These include contraception and sexual health services which is listed under the mandated public health services transferring to the Council although levels of quality and quantity are not mandated.

1.2 Contracts for contraception and sexual health services are currently in place with a range of providers. All these contracts are due for renewal on 1st April 2013 and therefore the council is taking the opportunity across all public health contracts to review each contract and its continuation beyond 1st April 2013 to ensure affordability within the context of the expected total Public Health Grant and wider Local Authority Grant allocations. The Council currently has not received formal notification of its Public Health grant allocation, however.

2.0 Integrated Community-based Sexual Health Services

2.1 This contract has historically been commissioned from Shropshire Community Health NHS Trust. In 2012, a joint competitive tender exercise was initiated with Shropshire County PCT in order to redesign and modernise local services to better meet the needs of the local population. The outcome of the tender will be announced in January 2013. The service specification covers delivery of cost-effective, evidence-based, high quality provision of levels 1, 2 and 3 services from health promotion and self managed care, through basic contraception and STI testing to more complex and specialist services including HIV Treatment. (**NB** Commissioning responsibility for HIV Treatment will not transfer to the Council as it will be the responsibility of the National Commissioning Board).

3.0 Contraception and Sexual Health Services in General Practice

4 Local Enhanced Service (LES) agreements are in place for General Practices with suitably qualified clinicians to deliver enhanced contraception and sexual health services to their practice population. There are 3 related to the fitting and removal of contraceptive devices (coils, implants) and one for Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Testing, treatment and follow up.

4.0 Contraception and Sexual Health Services in Community Pharmacy

3 Local Enhanced Service agreements are also in place for Community Pharmacies with suitably qualified practitioners to deliver free emergency contraception (u25's), Chlamydia screening (15-24 year olds) and Condom Distribution Scheme (u19's).

5.0 HIV Prevention and Support to Vulnerable Communities – Terrence Higgins Trust (THT)

5.1 THT is a third sector provider with a long history and credibility of engaging with the most vulnerable/at risk groups in society. They are commissioned to provide easily accessible, confidential HIV prevention advice, information and materials to communities in Telford & Wrekin who are vulnerable to HIV infection and provide some elements of the support packages to help people living with HIV as a long term condition. Service elements include:-

- a. 1:1 advice/information, care/case management and counselling for People Living with HIV (PLWHIV) to support them in effective long term condition management

- b. Expert Patient Approach Self management courses and group work for PLWHIV
 - i. Peer support groups for PLWHIV
- c. Outreach services for African and other BME communities, Men who have Sex with Men (MSM) and Sex Workers
- d. Point of Care Rapid HIV Testing
- e. Chlamydia Screening
- f. Distribution of Free Condoms

6.0 Chlamydia Patient Results Notification and Data Management and Reporting Service – Shropshire County PCT

- 6.1 Shropshire County PCT Public Health Department are commissioned to provide a confidential, timely Chlamydia screening patient results notification and data management and reporting service through a texting/telephone call centre model. The service also follows up positive patients to confirm treatment and partner notification and treatment.

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