

London Sexual Health Transformation Programme

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This briefing is intended to help keep you informed of the latest developments in the LSH transformation programme. It is put together by the LSHT programme team and includes updates for you on: recent activities, what's taking place now and what's planned for the coming month.

In this briefing we will be looking at:

- The case for change
- Survey monkey survey
- Media interest in the programme
- PIN notice and plans
- Integrated tariff
- Clinical Pathway Workshop
- Updates on borough approvals
- Clinical specification developments

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and contact those named at the end of this briefing if you have any specific questions. And please feel free to send this briefing note onto colleagues who might be interested.

The Case for Change

With so much activity going on around us and people very busy progressing projects and day to day business, it can be easy to forget why the programme was started. The Programme was set up to work in partnership with local authorities across London to deliver a new commissioning model for open access sexual health services. This includes Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM), services for the screening and treatment of Sexually Transmitted infections (STIs) and Sexual and Reproductive Health Services (SRH) (community contraceptive services).

It was agreed that with the continued pressure on public sector finances, and the reduction of public health budgets, there was a compelling case to review how we best provide these vital services. The aim of the Transformation Programme is to design, agree and procure a system that will deliver measurably improved and cost effective public health outcomes, meet increasing demand and deliver better value.

So there are five key drivers for change.

1. The need for sexual health services in London is significantly higher than the England average, and has risen significantly in recent years.
2. There are noticeable variations in access and activity across London boroughs, with high numbers of residents from across London accessing services in central London.
3. Given London's complex pattern of open access services, there are important advantages for London boroughs to transform and commission services together
4. We must continue to ensure strong clinical governance, safeguarding and quality assurance arrangements are in place for commissioning open access services
5. We want to respond to current and future financial challenges, and ensure we are making the best use of resources available

Survey Monkey

Thank you to everyone who has publicised and contributed to the survey monkey survey that has now been out for a couple of weeks. We have already had over 500 responses and people have requested some publicity materials to generate more responses. This survey is a really helpful way for us to gauge people's views and gather opinions. Although not a comprehensive survey it will help us to frame our more detailed meeting and discussions with providers and others. The survey can be accessed [here](#) or at

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/T3QSC9N?>

Media Interest

Sexual Health services in London have been featured in a number of specialist journals recently including the Local Government Chronicle, the Health Services Journal and the BMJ. We continue to engage with the media proactively as well as responding to potential media stories that are based on misunderstandings.

PIN Notice and Plan

A Prior Information Notice (PIN) was issued last week and we have asked providers to respond to us within a month. Please note that this PIN is not a call for competition. As a reissue of our initial questionnaire (published in March last year), we are now looking to engage with current and potential providers of sexual health services to help us further develop our plans. In particular, we want views on a prospective London-wide Online Service. We are considering a number of options and are seeking views on potential service elements and how different elements of e-services will work with the wider sexual health system. The PIN will be followed up with a series of 1:1 meetings with respondents to explore ideas and options. The PIN is available by clicking [here](#) or going to

https://uk.eu-supply.com/app/rfq/publicpurchase_frameset.asp?PID=14727&B=UK&PS=1&PP=ctm/Supplier/publictenders

Integrated Tariff

An audit document has been sent to providers across London to allow for more detailed analysis and planning for the introduction of an integrated tariff. This is due back later in February.

Clinical Workshop

We have also set up a workshop for sub regional clinical representatives to meet and discuss some of the key pathways in sexual health services and how they might impact on the tariff. This is on the morning of 9th March in Islington and more details are available from Simon Reid, the Transformation Programme Lead for Newham (Simon.Reid@newham.gov.uk)

Council Cabinet Updates

There are 28 boroughs in the collaboration. 19 councils are looking to procure the pan-London online e-service and re-procure sexual health services; the other 9 are taking part in the programme for the pan London online e-service procurement only.

So far, 11 council cabinets have agreed the business case and delegated authority to continue progressing the programme. Councils that are participating in the programme for eServices only are not necessarily required to go through governance clearance process.

The full list of boroughs involved in the collaborative to some level is as follows:

Barnet, Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Camden, City of London, Croydon, Ealing, Enfield, Hackney, Hammersmith and Fulham, Haringey, Harrow, Havering, Islington, Kensington and Chelsea, Kingston, Lambeth, Lewisham, Merton, Newham, Redbridge, Richmond, Southwark, Tower Hamlets, Waltham Forest, Wandsworth, Westminster.

The next briefing will be issued around the 10th March. If there are subjects you would like to see covered, or have any comments about the briefing, please let us know.

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