



SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES IN TEESIDE – MARKET & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

PRACTICE BRIEFING

In November 2010 a new Teeswide Integrated Sexual Health Service was commissioned from Assura/Virgin Care for the duration of five years to provide Level 1, 2 and 3 sexual health services including chlamydia screening. The contract began on 1st February 2011 and will end on 31st March 2016.

The commissioning of sexual health services across Teesside is now split between 7 commissioners (4 x Local Authorities, 2 x Clinical Commissioning Groups and NHS England) with the bulk of commissioning responsibility falling to the Authorities.

As the current contract expires on the 31 March 2016, a full sexual health review and procurement is being undertaken with a view to re-procuring an integrated sexual health service for Teesside to be in place for 1 April 2016. The service will be required to meet national and local quality standards; reflect local need; and offer seamless care to patients across Teesside.

Public Consultation

To help inform the Authorities commissioning plans, stakeholders are invited to participate in a public consultation taking place during April 2015. Views of those General Practices that provide services either under their core contract or as part of a subcontract arrangement with Virgincare are being sought to help shape the redesign of sexual health services across Tees. Please click on the link to access the survey <https://nwa.researchfeedback.net/wh/s.asp?k=142900222761>

Anyone in the practice can complete the survey and it can be completed by more than one person. In addition you can download a paper copy of the survey to complete and return to the freepost address as shown.

Market Engagement

In addition the Authorities are holding market engagement events for any organisations who are interested in providing integrated Sexual Health Services on a Teeswide scale. The events will give the current commissioners the opportunity to provide an overview of local need, outline the existing service model and share the emerging vision for service provision from April 2016. It will also be an opportunity for organisations to share their experiences of delivering sexual health services should they wish to do so. Interested parties should contact:

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