

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health
Date:	6 June 2023
Title:	Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Provision
Report From:	Director of Public Health

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Purpose of this Report

1. The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health to spend in respect of the provision of an Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service an amount up to a maximum value of £63.3M over nine years on a seven year plus two basis.

Recommendation

2. That the Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health gives approval to spend in respect of Sexual and Reproductive Health Provision an amount up to a maximum value of £63.3M over nine years on a seven year plus two year basis.

Executive Summary

2. This report outlines the mandated requirements and commissioning strategy to spend in respect of an Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service an amount up to a maximum value of £63.3M over nine years on a seven year plus two year basis.

Contextual information

3. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 divided responsibility for commissioning sexual health, reproductive health, and HIV services. Since 2013, these services have been commissioned by Local Authorities, Integrated Care Systems (ICS), and NHS England (NHSE) as part of a whole system approach.

4. Local authorities are mandated to commission comprehensive open access sexual and reproductive health services, including free STI testing and treatment, notification of sexual partners of infected persons and advice on, and reasonable access to, a broad range of contraception; and advice on preventing unplanned pregnancy funded under the terms of the Public Health Grant.
5. Local authorities are also responsible for funding activity for their own residents who receive sexual health testing and treatment outside their area of residence which is out of scope for this paper. A separate allocation from the ring-fenced public health budget is used for this purpose.
6. Open access services mean that residents from outside of the County Council area can access the commissioned service for sexual health testing and treatment. Attendances by residents outside of the County Council area are charged to the home local authority in line with national guidance.
7. The Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service would support delivery against the 5 main population sexual and reproductive health Public Health Outcomes Frameworks measures:
 - i. Under 18 conceptions.
 - ii. Chlamydia detection rate.
 - iii. New STIs diagnosis (excluding chlamydia in the under 25s).
 - iv. Prescribing of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) excluding injections (females aged 15 to 44).
 - v. People presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection.
8. A Hampshire Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Assessment was completed in December 2022 which has informed the commissioning strategy outlined in this report. *Appendix 1* provides a summary of key findings and recommendations which underpin this commissioning strategy.
9. This contract would contribute towards the delivery of the Hampshire Public Health Strategy 2022 - 2027.
10. The Council must meet the public health duties which mean taking steps appropriate to improve the health of the population in its area

Current Service Model and Commissioning Strategy

11. The Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service's current contract will formally end on the 31 of March 2024. The start date of the new contract will be 1st April 2024.

12. To provide comprehensive, clinically safe, efficient, and effective provision Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Provision is collaboratively commissioned to provide services for Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton residents with commissioning responsibilities outlined as follows. Please note that elements to be commissioned by Hampshire County Council are shown in bold:

Commissioning Authority	Responsibilities
Hampshire County Council	Integrated Sexual Health Service <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. System Leadership and Network Management ii. Specialist Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service. iii. Sexual Health Promotion, Prevention and Outreach. iv. Psychosexual Counselling v. Innovation and Transformation
Isle of Wight Council	Integrated Sexual Health Service
Portsmouth City Council	Integrated Sexual Health Service
Southampton City Council	Integrated Sexual Health Service
NHS Hampshire & Isle of Wight ICB	Termination of Pregnancy Vasectomy Services
NHS Frimley ICB	Termination of Pregnancy Vasectomy Services
NHSE	HIV Treatment and Care GBMSM HPV Vaccination Cervical Screening

13. This collaborative approach brings together the combined provision of sexual and reproductive health services joining the responsibilities of commissioning authorities as set out above. This means that Hampshire residents do not have to move between services and can access the service at a place of their convenience.
14. The new service is required from 1 April 2024. Commissioning authorities have agreed to work together in an open, transparent, and collaborative manner to procure a high quality, effective and outcome focussed sexual and reproductive health

services across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton system. Hampshire and Isle of Wight Integrated Care Board and NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board will conduct their own procurement exercise and are committed to ensuring a whole system approach and alignment of services across the system.

15. The County Council have (subject to approval to proceed) agreed to act as lead for this procurement exercise on behalf of Isle of Wight Council, Portsmouth City Council, Southampton City Council and NHSE England. A Joint Working Agreement is place between all authorities for collaborative working and financial arrangements to cover this procurement and future contract management. Each commissioning authority will hold their own separate contract.
16. The Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health service to be commissioned by Hampshire County Council includes the following elements:
 - i. System Leadership and Network Management
 - ii. Specialist Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service.
 - iii. Sexual Health Promotion, Prevention and Outreach.
 - iv. Psychosexual Counselling
 - v. Innovation and Transformation

A lead Provider model is required for these elements and the services listed in 16 below to ensure a fully Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health system.

17. NHS England will commission the following services for Hampshire residents as part of this procurement:
 - i. HIV Treatment and Care
 - ii. GBMSM HPV Vaccination
 - iii. Cervical Screening within Sexual and Reproductive Health Services
18. Each commissioning authority will hold its own contract with the Provider, with a single specification across each local authority area for the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service. NHS England will hold its own contract with the Provider. This model will ensure a lead provider and a single service across Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth, and Southampton whilst also ensuring commissioner autonomy. This will improve access and outcomes for Hampshire residents.
19. The proposed contract period for the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service for Hampshire residents will be for seven years with the option to extend for a further two years, subject to performance, Public Health, Council priorities and Public Health Grant allocation.

Finance

20. Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Services are mandated Public Health services with an identified funding stream within the Public Health Grant Allocation.
21. The required funding is affordable within the existing Public Health Allocation.
22. The indicative annual contract value is £7.03M. The annual contract value is subject to annual Public Health grant allocation, County Council and Public Health priorities.
23. The indicative total spend for the commissioning of the Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service for the whole contract period (including extensions) is £63.3M. This indicative total includes 2% population growth.
24. In addition, the current allocation for out of area sexual health testing and treatment for Hampshire residents is £700k per annum.

Performance

25. Sexual and reproductive health outcomes are relatively good for Hampshire residents (see Appendix 1: Hampshire Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Assessment Summary). However, there are variations in outcomes for some individuals, groups, and communities. Variation may be a consequence of knowledge, access, and uptake of sexual and reproductive health services which can create and widen health inequalities.
26. The provision of Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Services will directly support improvements in the performance of the County Council in relation to the five Public Health Outcome Indicators.
27. Performance and quality within the current contracted Level 3 Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service is good with performance and quality targets being achieved for the majority of our locally specified key performance indicators and information reporting requirements.
28. The new contract will improve access to services for Hampshire residents by prioritising prevention to improve population health outcomes and reduce health inequalities for people at higher risk of poor sexual and reproductive health.

Consultation and Equalities

29. No formal public consultation has been undertaken. However, this commissioning strategy has been informed by the Hampshire Sexual and Reproductive Health Needs Assessment which included a programme of consultation with Hampshire residents.
30. An Equality Impact Assessment has been completed and no adverse impacts were found regarding this proposal. Positive impacts were found relating to age, disability, poverty, rurality and sexual orientation and access to services for Gay, Bisexual and men who have sex with men (GBMSM). The EIA can be found at Appendix 2.

Climate Change Impact Assessment

31. A full assessment of climate change vulnerability was not completed as the initial vulnerability assessment showed that the project is at minimal risk from the climate vulnerabilities. However, consideration will be given to ensure that locations of Sexual and Reproductive Health Services will promote and enable active travel to mitigate carbon risk.

Conclusions

32. Hampshire County Council is mandated to commission an open access Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Service to improve population outcomes and reduce health inequalities for Hampshire residents.
33. The Executive Lead Member for Adult Social Care and Public Health is requested to approve spend in respect of Integrated Sexual and Reproductive Health Provision an amount up to a maximum value of £63.3M over nine years.

REQUIRED CORPORATE AND LEGAL INFORMATION:

Links to the Strategic Plan

Hampshire maintains strong and sustainable economic growth and prosperity:	no
People in Hampshire live safe, healthy and independent lives:	yes
People in Hampshire enjoy a rich and diverse environment:	no
People in Hampshire enjoy being part of strong, inclusive communities:	yes

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:	
N/A	N/A
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives	
Health and Social Care Act (2012)	2012
Public health ring-fenced grant determination 2023 to 2024: No 31/6550	2023

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

Document

Location