

## Notice of Meeting

### Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Councillors Cochrane, Collings, Egglestone, S Forster, Harrison, Virgo, Watts, Webb and Welch

#### Also Invited:

Rebecca Willan, Consultant in Public Health, Berkshire East

**Tuesday 23 January 2024, 7.30 - 8.30 pm**

**Via TEAMS**



### Agenda

*All councillors at this meeting have adopted the Mayor's Charter which fosters constructive and respectful debate.*

Item	Description	Page
1.	<b>Apologies for absence</b>	
	To receive apologies for absence and to note the attendance of any substitute members.	
2.	<b>Declarations of interest</b> Members are asked to declare any disclosable pecuniary or affected interests and the nature of that interest, including the existence and nature of the party whip, in respect of any matter to be considered at this meeting. Any Member with a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in a matter should withdraw from the meeting when the matter is under consideration and should notify the Democratic Services Officer in attendance that they are withdrawing as they have such an interest. If the Disclosable Pecuniary Interest is not entered on the register of Members interests the Monitoring Officer must be notified of the interest within 28 days. Any Member with an Affected Interest in a matter must disclose the interest to the meeting. There is no requirement to withdraw from the meeting when the interest is only an affected interest, but the Monitoring Officer should be notified of the interest, if not previously notified of it, within 28 days of the meeting	
3.	<b>Public Health Presentation on Sexual Health Provision</b>	1 - 10
	Rebecca Willans, Consultant in Public Health will provide an overview on sexual health services in the borough.	
4.	<b>Draft Sexual Health Scope</b>	11 - 12
	To discuss and confirm the scope for the Panel's scrutiny review of sexual health services.	
5.	<b>Future Scrutiny Review Ideas</b>	
	To consider possible ideas for future scrutiny reviews to be undertaken by the Panel during their administration.	

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Rebecca Willans, Consultant in Public Health

# Sexual Health: Bracknell Forest Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Agenda Item 3

# National commissioning context

## Funding and commissioning sexual health services

Responsibility for commissioning sexual health, reproductive health and HIV services is shared across local authorities, clinical commissioning groups and NHS England.

### Local authorities

- Comprehensive sexual health services including most contraceptive services and all prescribing costs, but excluding GP additionally-provided contraception
- STI testing and treatment, chlamydia screening and HIV testing
- Specialist services, including young people's sexual health, teenage pregnancy services, outreach, HIV prevention, sexual health promotion, services in school, colleges and pharmacies

### Clinical commissioning groups

- Most abortion services
- Sterilisation
- Vasectomy
- Non-sexual-health elements of psychosexual health services
- Gynaecology including any use of contraception for non-contraceptive purposes

### NHS England

- Contraception provided as an additional services under GP contract
- HIV treatment and care (including drug costs for PEPSE)
- Promotion of opportunistic testing and treatment for STIs and patient-requested testing by GPs
- Sexual health elements of prison health services
- Sexual assault referral centres
- Cervical screening
- Specialist fetal medicine services

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# Multiple services and settings involved in supporting good sexual health)



Example = teenage pregnancy

Diagram take from the national teenage pregnancy framework (key factors of effective local strategies)

# Key indicators for Bracknell Forest

▶ [Legend](#) ▶ [Benchmark](#) ▶ [More options](#)

Geography version

Districts & UAs (from Apr 2023) ▼

Indicator	Period	Bracknell F		Region England			England		Best/ Highest
		Recent Trend	Count	Value	Value	Value	Worst/ Lowest	Range	
Syphilis diagnostic rate per 100,000	2022	➔	13	10.4	9.6	15.4	143.3		0.0
Gonorrhoea diagnostic rate per 100,000	2022	➔	96	77	81*	146	1,220		21
Chlamydia detection rate per 100,000 aged 15 to 24 (Female)	2022	⬇	83	1,280	1,786*	2,110	371		6,544
Chlamydia proportion aged 15 to 24 screened	2022	⬇	1,533	11.2%	12.1%*	15.2%	5.2%		39.7%
New STI diagnoses (excluding chlamydia aged under 25) per 100,000	2022	⬇	390	312	349*	496	3,155		142
HIV testing coverage, total	2022	⬇	897	56.1%	48.2%	48.2%	19.2%		76.3%
HIV late diagnosis in people first diagnosed with HIV in the UK	2020 - 22	—	7	70.0%	48.7%	43.3%	100%		0.0%
New HIV diagnosis rate per 100,000	2022	➔	7	5.6	5.6	6.7	52.7		0.0
HIV diagnosed prevalence rate per 1,000 aged 15 to 59	2022	➔	117	1.54	1.85	2.34	12.18		0.45
Total prescribed LARC excluding injections rate / 1,000	2021	➔	1,155	46.0	49.5	41.8	4.4		85.3
Under 18s conception rate / 1,000	2021	—	15	6.4	10.7	13.1	31.5		2.7
Under 18s conceptions leading to abortion (%)	2021	➔	10	66.7%	58.5%	53.4%	25.0%		91.7%
Violent crime - sexual offences per 1,000 population	2021/22	➔	297	2.4	2.9*	3.0*	1.4		6.3

[Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles - Data - OHID \(phe.org.uk\)](https://phe.org.uk)

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# Current 'core' SRH services

**SRH services available in Berkshire East (2022/23) have remained relatively consistent since the 2017 HNA and currently include:**

- Berkshire Healthcare Foundation Trust: specialist, integrated SRH
- SH24: home STI test kits that can be ordered online.
- GPs (2023/24): Long Acting Reversible Contraception (8/11)
- Pharmacy (2022/23) x 1: Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) 13-24 yr olds
- Safe Sex Berkshire website: SRH service signposting, health promotion and advice.
- Youth team by thrive!: working with 3 secondary schools to support SRH education.

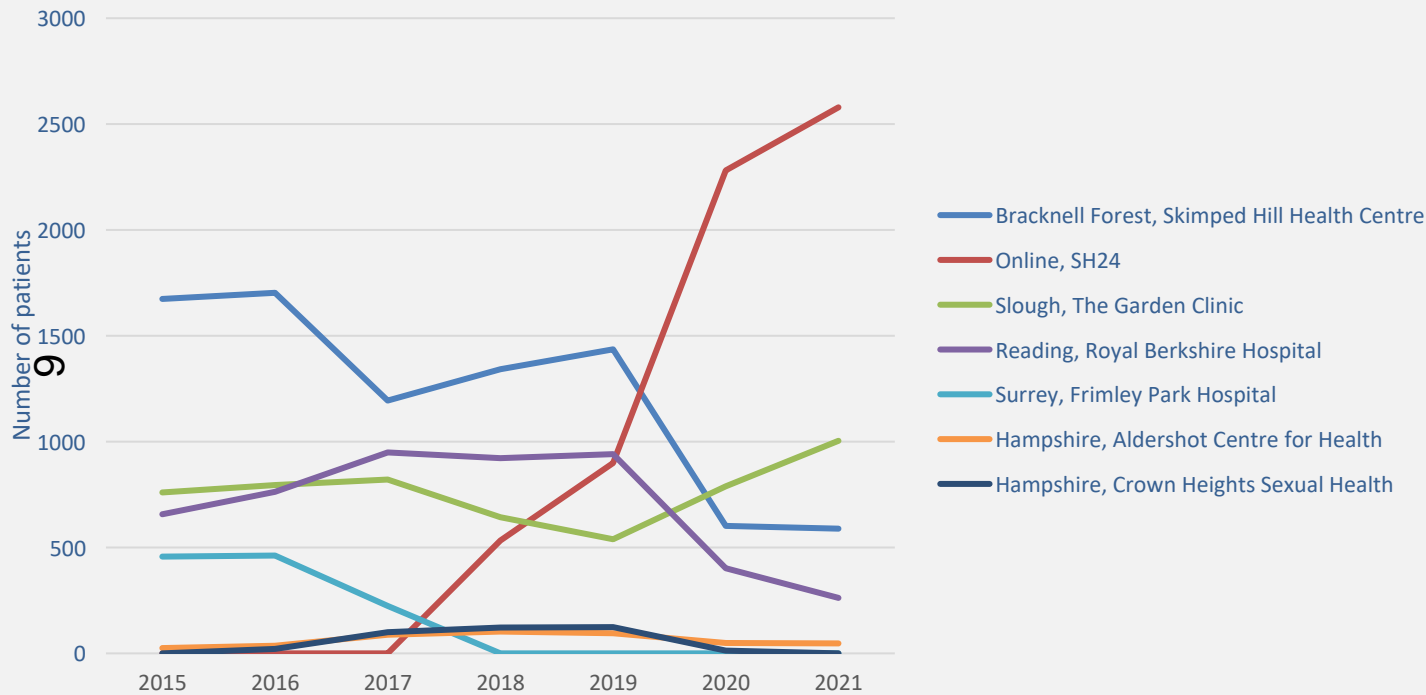
**Also within Frimley ICS, NHS commissioned services for SRH include:**

- BPAS as provider of Termination of Pregnancy Services
- Frimley Healthcare Foundation Trust as provider of Maternity services and Gynaecology services



# Numbers of Bracknell Forest residents accessing specialist SRH services by service provider

Specialist SRH services accessed by Bracknell Forest residents: location of clinics 2015-2021





# STIs

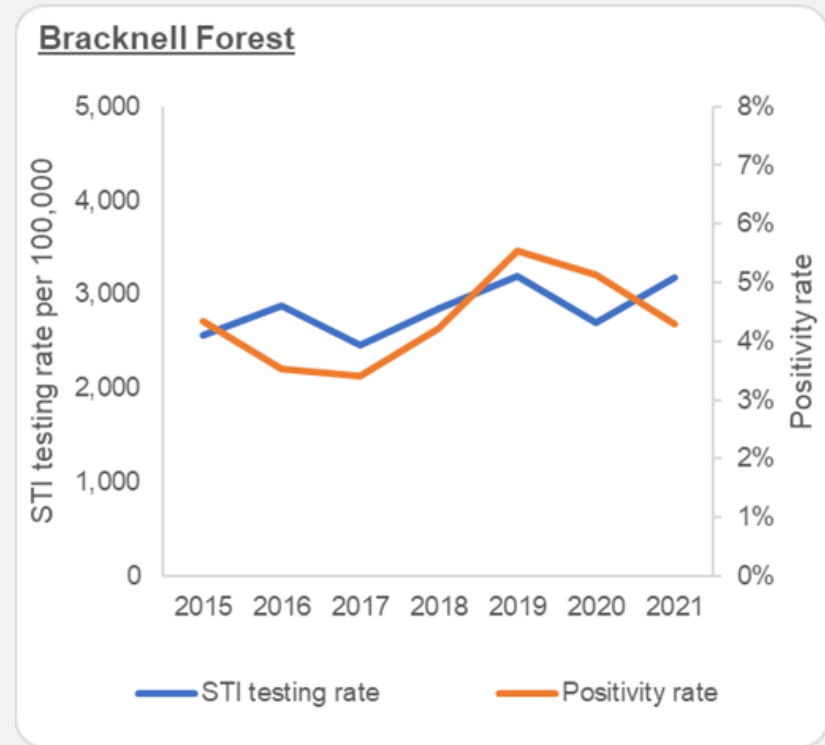
Bracknell's positivity rates are significantly lower than the national rate, but in line with the comparator deprivation decile.

Bracknell's highest rates among 20-24 year olds and second highest among 25-35 year old males and 15-19 year old females.

Higher proportion STI diagnosis among people from black or black British, mixed and white backgrounds (Berkshire East). Those from black or black British backgrounds appear to have the highest rates overall.

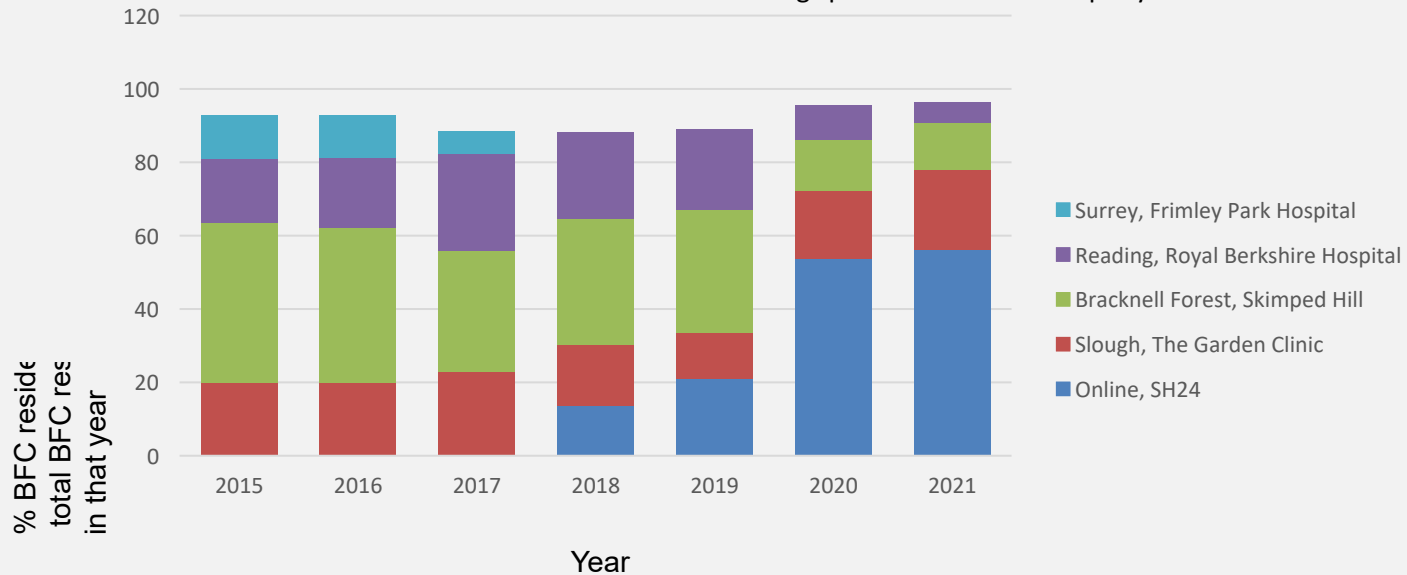
In contrast, those from Asian or Asian British and other ethnic groups have a lower proportion than expected.

**STI testing rate (excluding chlamydia) per 100,000 population and corresponding positivity rates**



# % Bracknell Forest residents accessing specialist SRH services by service provider

% Bracknell Forest residents accessing specialist sexual health services by service provider / total number Bracknell Forest residents accessing specialist SRH services per year



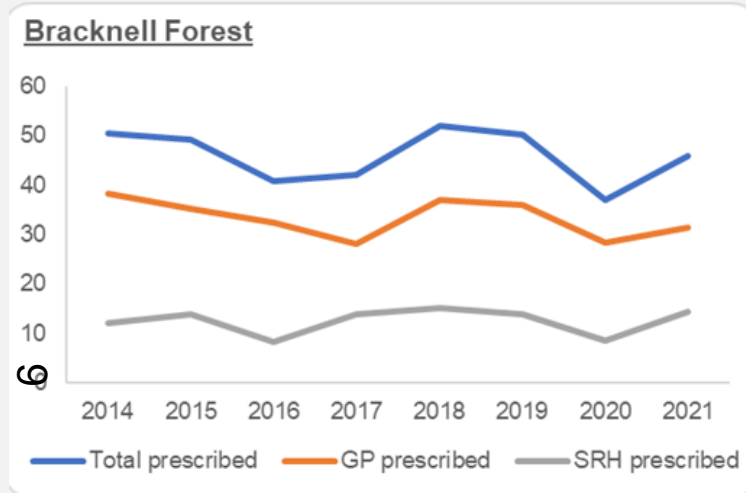
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From 2018 there was no provision to BFC residents in Frimley Park Hospital.

Two Hampshire sites accounted for 5.7% of activity in 2018, 5.1% in 2019; from 2020 the proportion of BFC residents not seen in the 4 main settings listed were seen across a number of services and geographies.

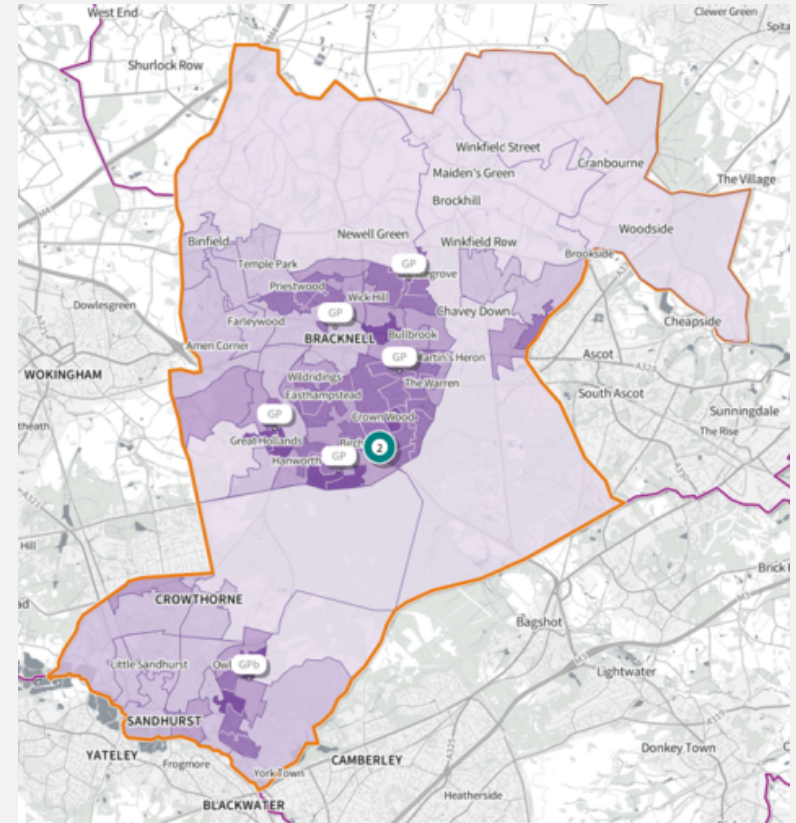
# Contraception: LARC

Rate of LARC prescription per 1,000 female population aged 15 to 44 – by prescription provider



- Total LARC prescription rate higher than national rates but lower than the comparator deprivation decile rate.
- Availability of urgent contraception appointments concern raised by professionals.

GPs providing LARC in 2022 x pop density



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## Sexual Health Education, Skills and Growth Overview & Scrutiny Panel

### Reason for review

- Attendance at specialist contraceptive services per 1,000 residents under 25 by gender, in Bracknell Forest, in 2021 placed Bracknell 9<sup>th</sup> out of 16 compared to its statistical neighbours.
- Resident's concern regarding sufficient provision, which was easily accessible, for Tier 1,2, and 3 services for Bracknell residents.
- The chlamydia detection rate per 100,000 females aged 15 to 24 years in Bracknell Forest was 1,280 in 2022, was poorer than the rate of 2,110 for England.
- The number of new sexually transmitted infections (STIs) diagnosed among residents of Bracknell Forest in 2022 was 535. The rate was 427 per 100,000 residents, lower than the rate of 694 per 100,000 in England, and similar to the average of 430 per 100,000 among its [nearest neighbours](#). ('Summary profile of local authority sexual health: Bracknell Forest, 30 August 2023').

### Objectives/scope

The review will look to:

- Understand the impact, if any, of the current provision of dedicated specialist sexual health services for residents.
- Understand how specialist contraceptive service providers, and their partner organisations, work together to promote and improve services and assess their impact.
- Identify reasons why residents, especially those aged under 25, have issues accessing urgent contraceptive appointments.
- Identify the reasons for the low detection rate of chlamydia and HIV in Bracknell compared to other local authorities.

The review Panel will do this by:

- Carrying out a desk top analysis of public health data, for example information from Public Health Hub Berkshire East, the Joint Needs Strategic Assessment and NHS Digital data available online.
- Visiting services which serve Bracknell Forest residents.
- Interviewing service commissioners and operational delivery managers.
- Interviewing comparator local authorities with better detection rates.
- Talking to residents to capture their views.
- Working with the Bracknell Forest Youth Champions.
- Reviewing PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) teaching in the boroughs' schools.
- Review complaints to Bracknell Forest Council related to sexual health service provision.

At the conclusion of this work the Panel will produce a report highlighting its findings and propose recommendations to the Executive about how sexual health services could improve and highlight good practice.

<b>Delivery methods:</b> Desk top analysis; evidence gathering sessions, visits and surveys.	
<b>Council theme:</b> Engaged and healthy communities	<b>Council team:</b> Public Health
<b>Review due:</b> 23 May 2024	<b>Proposed by:</b> Cllr Caroline Egglestone, Chair Education, Skills and Growth Panel
<p><b>Equalities Impact Assessment</b>  The Council has a duty under the Equalities Act (2010) to have due regard to tackling discrimination of persons that share the characteristics protected under Section 4 of the Act; advance equality of opportunity and foster good relations between people who share those protected characteristics and people who do not.</p>	
<p><b>Financial and legal implications</b>  There are potentially legal and financial implications of any recommendations arising from this review which will be fully addressed in the review report.</p>	
<p><b>Climate Change and ecological implications</b>  There are no climate change or ecological implications arising from this review.</p>	