

Sexual Health Health and Care Overview and Scrutiny Panel

Reason for review

- To test if sexual health service provision was sufficient to meet the needs of young people in the borough, with a particular focus on how people access services.

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, may have issues accessing urgent contraceptive appointments.
- Identify the reasons for the low detection rate of chlamydia in Bracknell compared to other local authorities.
- To assess whether the local STI testing approach is appropriately targeted to identify populations with higher rates of STIs.

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 for chlamydia
- Talking to residents to capture their views,
- Interviewing Bracknell Forest Youth Services as part of the delivery mechanism,
- Working with the Bracknell Forest Youth Champions,
- Reviewing PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) teaching in the boroughs' schools,
- Review any 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.

Delivery methods: Desk top analysis; evidence gathering sessions, visits and surveys.

Council theme: Engaged and healthy communities

Council team: Public Health

Review due: 23 May 2024

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Chair Health and Care Panel

Equalities Impact Assessment

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.

Financial and legal implications

There are potentially legal and financial implications of any recommendations arising from this review which will be fully addressed in the review report.

Climate Change and ecological implications

There are no climate change or ecological implications arising from this review.