

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**PROGRESS REPORT ON THE OUTCOMES OF THE SCRUTINY REVIEW OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To update Cabinet on the progress of implementing the recommendations of the Health Scrutiny Review of Sexual Health Services.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 The Health Scrutiny Panel undertook a review into Sexual Health and Wellbeing in 2016. The review's aims were to ensure that services were sufficiently joined up and that services were responsive and accessible to local people.

The scope of the review noted that there are a number of agencies and organisations involved in the provision of sexual health services including GPs, Specialist Services and School Nurses. Therefore the scope sought to consider and understand how the services worked together to support North Lincolnshire's residents.

The report was published in June 2017.

- 2.2 The Health and Social Care Act (2012) included provision to transfer the commissioning for sexual and reproductive healthcare from local NHS organisations to local authorities with the expectation that a more holistic approach to sexual health and wellbeing would be achieved.

- 2.3 The Local Authority commissions comprehensive open access sexual health services including;

- Advice and Information
- A full range of contraception methods
- STI screening, testing, treatment and partner notification
- Sexual health aspect of psychosexual counselling
- Testing for pregnancy

The Clinical Commissioning Group is the responsible commissioner for acute and chronic gynaecology services and the psychological support

associated with psychosexual needs.

NHS England is the responsible commissioner for specialist sexual health services including treatment for HIV.

2.4 Outcomes associated with effective sexual health services are very positive in North Lincolnshire:

- Teenage pregnancy rates in North Lincolnshire have continued to fall with the rate being below the England average. North Lincolnshire has been identified as being in the top third of Local Authorities in respect of the rate of reduction between 2010 and 2015.
- Performance with respect to the National Chlamydia Screening Programme is amongst the best in the country.
- The provision of Long Acting Reversible Contraception in Primary Care is at a higher level than the England average.

2.5 The Health Scrutiny panel made six recommendations.

2.6 All six recommendations have been implemented. Appendix 1 provides detail of the recommendations and action taken.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

3.1 This report is to provide Cabinet with an update on the progress made in relation to the recommendations arising out of the scrutiny review and as such there are no options for consideration.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

4.1 Appendix 1 provides detail of the recommendations and action taken.

### **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

5.1 There are no additional resource implications arising out of this report.

### **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 The Northern Lincolnshire Integrated Sexual Health Service Specification was subject to an Integrated Impact Assessment with no issues identified. There are no IIA implications relating to this report.

### **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 There are no known conflicts of interest

## 8. **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 8.1 It is recommended that Cabinet notes the progress in implementing the recommendations of the Sexual Health and Wellbeing Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel June 2017.

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### **Background Papers used in the preparation of this report:**

Sexual Health and Wellbeing Report of the Health Scrutiny Panel June 2017

Appendix 1

No	Recommendation	Action taken	Completed
1	<p>(a) That the panel welcomes the outstanding local performance on chlamydia screening.</p> <p>(b) that local commissioners and providers remain open to approaches from others who wish to improve their own performance and learning around delivering effective and comprehensive chlamydia screening, and</p> <p>(c) that providers work to the published Public Health England National Guidance and Action Plan (NCSP) to sustain excellent and positive activity in respect of detection rates within North Lincolnshire.</p>	<p>North Lincolnshire continues to have performance that is better than England and Yorkshire and Humber for the National Chlamydia Screening Programme indicators. The most recent data published by Public Health England (PHE) shows that the population screened in North Lincolnshire is 23.3%, Yorkshire and Humber is 19.5% and England 20.7%.</p> <p>North Lincolnshire attended the PHE NCSP Master class programme in 2017 and shared approaches to achieving good performance in relation to chlamydia screening. There will be a further master class September 2018 that North Lincolnshire will attend and share the impact of the local action plan.</p> <p>The North Lincolnshire commissioner reviews the NCSP Action Plan quarterly with the provider. Priorities for 2018-19 include increasing the uptake of screening by young adult males across North Lincolnshire utilising a targeted approach.</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p> <p>Yes</p>
2	<p>That all council and school staff, and all of those working with children and young people across North Lincolnshire, be congratulated for their excellent work in reducing teenage pregnancy.</p>	<p>The LA working in partnership with Virgin Care has delivered a <b>Sexual Health Our Way</b> Event on 23rd May 2018. This provided an opportunity to celebrate and congratulate partners on the successful impact of work in North Lincolnshire to reduce teenage conceptions.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
3	<p>That clear, outcome-focussed requirements for outreach and engagement be given appropriate weight in any forthcoming retendering exercise. The panel consider that the use of challenging targets and</p>	<p>The new service specification requires the provider to enable and empower local people to be more aware of their sexual health.</p> <p>The service specification contains a</p>	<p>Yes</p>

	associated contract monitoring arrangements are likely to be useful tools to achieve this.	number of targets to ensure that sexual health services are targeted according to need including outreach to more vulnerable groups.	
4	That the council's Integrated Commissioning Team increasingly utilise the 'Outcome Based Accountability' methodology when commissioning sexual health and wellbeing services, to ensure outcomes are clearly specified, and that relevant performance measures are agreed and monitored.	Outcomes Based Accountability (OBA) methodology is and has been utilised to inform the service specification and the ongoing contract monitoring with the provider. The Sexual Health Our Way Forum also includes an OBA approach to thematic areas including reducing teen conception.	Yes
5	That, in the future, the specialist provider undertake annual patient surveys and planned and ad hoc feedback sessions to inform their work, regularly sharing findings with the Health Scrutiny Panel.	The planned annual service user survey was undertaken by Virgin Care during March -April 2018. The findings will be presented to a future Health Scrutiny meeting.  The provider includes performance against the Friends and Family Test as part of the monthly Clinical governance report.	Patient surveys completed to be presented to a future health scrutiny meeting.
6	That North Lincolnshire Council and local commissioners continue to seek collaboration and new commissioning arrangements over larger geographical footprints, where this would meet local need.	North Lincolnshire and North East Lincolnshire Councils have jointly commissioned the Northern Lincolnshire Integrated Sexual Health Service. The new service commenced on 1 <sup>st</sup> December 2017.	Yes