



## London Sexual Health Programme 2009-10: Annual Summary to PCT CEs

### 1. Strengthening commissioning

#### 1.1 London Sexual Health Tariffs

A range of setting-independent STI/SRH [tariffs](#) are being developed to move services closer to patients in line with Healthcare for London. DH is engaged and has endorsed the work, granting £66k for development as one of two PbR projects.

#### 1.2 Pan-London Procurement for Chlamydia screening

##### 1.2.1 Business Case for London Procurement of Chlamydia Screening

The London Sexual Health Programme (LSHP) has worked with the London Procurement Programme (LPP) and Kingston PCT on a business case, endorsed by the London Sexual Health Commissioning Board (LSHCB). London-wide procurement of Chlamydia screening will achieve an estimated net £800,000 savings. The business case shows at least a 6-fold return on investment with a PCT investing c£5,000 in lab testing, saving a minimum of £29,000 to up to £129,000 per PCT. The single London framework for lab tests would also yield improved quality by standardising lab reporting and shorter times to return results. The procurement will take c 6- months and will be under framework specifications enabling PCTs to call off from the contract as appropriate.

##### 1.2.2 National Chlamydia Screening Programme Commissioning tips and information post

London continues to be the highest performing region with 26.0% Chlamydia Screens overall and 71% of PCTs achieving the 25% screening target; some PCTs are already achieving next year's target of 35% screens, however London core service engagement and positivity levels remain low. The LSHP has worked with the National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP) facilitators on commissioning tips to support PCTs achieve the target. In addition, over 20 PCTs are supporting a London information post that will help collate their screens from non-NCSP, non-GUM laboratories. This could be up to 5% screens that would otherwise not be reported.

#### 1.3 Pan-London Procurement for Abortion services

LSHP worked with LPP on a business case for a single procurement of non-NHS abortions, endorsed by the London Contraception and Abortion sub-group; estimated savings are £1m following conclusions drawn from the Needs Assessment report "Sex and Our City". Currently LPP are considering how to prioritise the work to achieve better value for money as well as improve the quality and equitable access to abortions for all London women.

#### 1.4 Condom Pricing in London

PCTs can now access the lowest unit cost for condoms achieved by the NHS in London due to a tender led by Camden PCT provider services with support from the LSHP and the LPP. The price has reduced by over 10% to 4.5p per condom with improved distribution and a wider range available. The total savings in 09-10 to PCTs is at least £500,000 but this could be greater if more than the 13 PCTs already signed up were to buy into the scheme.

### 2. Strengthening Performance

#### 2.1 Contracting tools and performance guides

3 guides for PCTs to support improved performance: [Chlamydia](#), [LARC](#), [Teenage Pregnancy](#) and a model specification for [GUM](#) services. LSHP have also held learning sets on market management and performance management for sexual health commissioners.

#### 2.2 London Sexual Health Performance [Scorecard](#)

### **2.3 HIV Prevention Performance Indicator**

NHS London has prioritised the reduction of late diagnosis of HIV in order to prevent onward transmission of HIV and improve health and well being of people with HIV. The LSHP and the HPA have updated the commissioning toolkit and held a learning set for commissioners in order to support delivery of the late diagnosis indicator. A third of PCTs in London have achieved their trajectory and London has reduced late diagnosis over 2 years by 10%. The toolkit also gives evidence of best practice and commissioning priorities to support PCTs.

### **2.4 Supporting PCTs to improve performance with Support Team visits**

The LSHP worked with the DH's National Sexual Health Support Team to visit Bexley, Brent, Bromley, Enfield, Haringey, Kingston, Hammersmith and Fulham, Kensington and Chelsea, Westminster and Sutton and Merton PCTs. These have led to ongoing support and resources from DH to engage stakeholders to support PCT Sexual Health visioning and commissioning plans.

## **3. Stakeholder engagement to develop the London Sexual Health Strategic Framework**

A new sub-group of the LSHCB engaging clinicians, commissioners, the Third sector, local government and patient groups reviewed the 2004 London Sexual Health Framework and proposed a new Framework for 2009-2012. New standards for the new Framework are based on evidence of clinical- and cost-effectiveness and best practice from NICE and other strategic documents. The framework has since been endorsed by PCT CEs and is included in the NHS London Operating Framework for 2010-11.

## **4. Sexual Health and Young People**

### **4.1 London's first Sexual Health needs assessment and mapping in FE colleges**

The LSHP commissioned this report "[Going all the way](#)" to bring together Sexual Health indicators by each PCT and map provision and the views of young people on sexual health needs and services. It was launched at the House of Lords in July 09 and highlights the opportunities to improve the sexual health of young Londoners as well as work to reduce teenage pregnancy and unplanned pregnancy, abortions and Chlamydia screening/STIs. Recommendations from the report include establishing a Young People's Network and developing standards and specifications for sexual health services in FE colleges.

### **4.2 London Assembly's Progress report on Sexual Health services for Young People**

The LSHP co-ordinated evidence with the London Assembly on their [progress report](#) to their 2005 Scrutiny of Sexual Health services for Young People in London. The findings and recommendations have synergy with the FE colleges' report above and ask for better signposting of services for young people, Social Marketing and branding of services for Young People in London.

## **5. Sexual Health and 2012 Olympic Games**

### **5.1 Levering resources**

The LSHP has levered in £120,000 of DH funding to ensure more sustainable collaboration for 2012 as well as strengthening the legacy work of the Olympics.

### **5.2 2012 Olympic Planning Group**

The LSHP has engaged over 70 agencies from the NHS, Local Government, HPA, Third sector, Voluntary sector, Independent Advisory Group members and patient groups in a 2012 and Sexual Health planning group. This sub-group of the LSHCB has carried out a literature review of the impact of previous Games. The most detailed data is from Sydney Games in 2000 that showed a 5% increase in attendances in sexual health centres during the Games compared to the same period in the previous year. This could equate to 50,000 more attendances for London in 2012 at a PbR cost of c£7.4m. This case will be based on a model focused on Prevention and Sexual Health Promotion and Self Management as well as effective signposting to services.

## **6. Social Marketing**

The LSHP commissioned Insight in partnership with NHS Hillingdon to develop campaign material promoting HIV testing in Primary care to reduce late diagnosis of HIV and prevent onward transmission. The social marketing campaign is available to PCTs for local use.

## **7. LSHP Website [www.londonsexualhealth.org](http://www.londonsexualhealth.org)**