

London Sexual Health Transformation Programme

Update January 2017

Welcome to the first briefing of the New Year, which is also the penultimate newsletter from the programme. There will be a final newsletter at the end of March, which will also contain more detail about the future governance and communication plans of the programme as we move into the next phases of implementation, led by local authorities and coordinated by a new team at the City of London.

The Case for Change

As the programme plans closure and the transition to the new arrangements, there is a renewed focus on the case for change as the team assess progress and achievements against the original aims. These drivers remain central to the work both now and post April and frame decisions and planning.

Those key drivers remain:

- The need for sexual health services in London is significantly higher than the rest of the country, and continues to increase
- The noticeable variations in access and activity across boroughs, with residents from across London accessing services in central London
- The significant advantages for London boroughs to work together to transform and commission services
- The importance of maintaining and improving strong clinical governance, safeguarding and quality assurance arrangements for commissioning open access services
- The need to respond to current and future financial challenges, and make the best use of resources available.

Channel Shift Group

The Uscreates team are now up and running to develop the behaviour change work to support the channel shift necessary to make the most of the e services product. They have started gathering insight from patients, staff and the public about channel shift, and will develop broader discussions to consider this and start work on products to support providers and the e services provider.

The Channel Shift Sub Group will continue to meet to manage the contract, ensure continuity and help with communication and liaison with all stakeholders.

E Service Procurement Progress

The process continues to go well. Detailed negotiations were held with shortlisted providers in January to discuss proposals in a significant level of detail. We expect to be able to make an announcement in early March.

Next Steps for the Programme

The programme is developing detailed plans to manage the closure of this phase and the transition to new governance arrangements led by a team based at the City of London. Options for managing this have been circulated to all boroughs, and a consolidated proposal based on this feedback will be presented to the Programme Board on the 2nd February.

New Members of the Collaboration

We are pleased to inform you that after further discussions the boroughs of Lambeth, Southwark, Lewisham, Bromley and Bexley have agreed to join the collaborative programme and take part in the e services procurement and implementation. This means we now have a total of 27 boroughs working together to provide a new online service option to patients in their areas. All the boroughs are providing financial contributions to the programme as previously proposed.

Sub Regional Updates

Inner North West London

The procurement in INWL is nearing completion and we expect to be able to say more in the next few weeks.

Outer North West London

Procurement continues to go well. The timetable will be updated shortly.

North Central

Process is progressing well with call for final submissions to be issued shortly.

North East London

The NEL procurement documents were released last week and we hope to get responses back by the end of January

South West London

The tender was published on 13th December. The new timetable allows for evaluation of bids and selection of a preferred provider by the end of February, with award of contract by 1st April.

South East London

The channel shift work is progressing well at KCH and GSTT and the sub region is now in active discussions with all three local providers about the impact of ISHT on pathways and prices. The primary care strategy is being developed and put into place and we continue to work with GSTT the CCGs on changes to the system.

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Please pass this briefing on to anyone who might be interested, and have a look at our website [HERE](#) or contact those named below if you have any specific questions.

The final LSHTP briefing will be issued towards the end of March 2017. If there are subjects you would like to see covered, or have any comments about the briefing, please let us know.

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