



Key Challenges

- High STI rates (syphilis outbreak 2019)
- Low prevalence area for HIV (end all new transmissions by 2030)
- Inequalities in sexual health outcomes and access to services
- Higher rates of disease amongst residents of the most deprived areas
- Lack of access to and provision of contraception (low subcontracting uptake in primary care)
- Low rates of LARC use
- High rates of unwanted teenage pregnancy (R&C 5th highest in England)
- High rates of abortion and repeat abortion
- High use of Emergency Hormonal Contraception



Key Headlines from Sexual Health Review (May/June 2023)

- Service development to improve accessibility, performance and outcomes LARC waiting lists
- Access to STI testing
- Pathways and relationship with primary care (GPs and pharmacies)
- Review of digital service
- Changes to contract management
- Collaborative arrangements
 - Review the frequency of contract meetings
 - Review the collaborative agreement and strengthen governance
 - Review roles and responsibilities in commissioning collaborative
- Extend current service until July 25



Current Performance /Achievements of the Service

- Achieving contracted activity levels (working at capacity)
- High STI rates (gonorrhoea, chlamydia, syphilis)
 - Downward trend
- LARC provision
 - Dedicated LARC clinics but low uptake of GP subcontracting
- Improvement Programmes:
 - Syphilis action plan, data quality (new template)
- Developing outreach services
 - 25k, Harbour, D&A Services, Community Hubs, 0-19 R&C nurses
- In 2024:
 - Won an LGBT Foundation Gold award “Pride in Practice” for excellence in LGBTQ+ healthcare
 - Won a BASHH award in 2024 for BBV for opt out work in A&C at JCUH

Current Tees Sexual Health Service Model

Tees Sexual Health Service

Prime Provider (HCRG)

Tees Integrated service providing GUM and Contraception with a hub in each local authority area

One Prime Provider (HCRG)

Subcontracting primary care for LARC, EHC and Chlamydia screening and MSI for vasectomy provision

Subcontracting

GPs

(LARC, chlamydia)

Subcontracting

Pharmacies

(EHC, chlamydia)

Subcontracting

MSI

(Vasectomy)

New Tees Sexual Health Service Model (from 01/08/25)

Tees Sexual Health Service

Tees Integrated Service providing

GUM and Contraception

with one hub in each local authority area (Lot 1)

**Community
Contraception
Service**

North of Tees
Service
(Lot 2a)

South of Tees
Service
(Lot 2b)

New approach to sexual health for
Teesside

- **Lot 1:** Teeswide Integrated Sexual Health Service
- **Lot 2a:** Community Contraceptive Service (North of Tees)
- **Lot 2b:** Community Contraception Service (South of Tees)



Key Service Outcomes

The Service will contribute to achieving against the following outcomes in the Public Health Outcomes Framework:

- Reduction in under 18 conception rate
- Increase in prescribing of long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) excluding injections (females aged 15 to 44)
- Increase in chlamydia detection rate
- Reduction in new STIs diagnosis (excluding chlamydia in the under 25s)
- Reduction in people presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection
- Increase in cervical screening uptake



Any questions?