

Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 003724
Date 26 June 2019

Contraceptive Services

Request:

Request 1:

- Please state (a) the total public health budget allocated (including for GP and pharmacist services) by your local authority for all sexual and reproductive health services, (b) budget allocated to general practice for all sexual and reproductive health services, (c) budget allocated to specialist community sexual and reproductive health service providers (including integrated sexual health providers) for all sexual and reproductive health services, and (d) budget allocated out of area for all sexual and reproductive health services in:
- - (i) the financial year 2015/16
 - (ii) the financial year 2016/17
 - (iii) the financial year 2017/18
 - (iv) the financial year 2018/19; and
 - (v) plans for the financial year 2019/20 (please give combined budget if within a block contract)

In response to your above questions, please see table below

		Total (From finance) £'000	GP £'000	community sexual and reproductive health £'000	Out Of Area £'000	Other £'000
2015-16		3,238	112	2,554	496	76
2016-17		3,080	112	2,670	233	65
2017-18		2,875	150	2,468	228	29
2018-19		2,650	150	2,272	228	-
2019-20		2,695	150	2,233	312	-

Request 2:

- Please provide the number of sites commissioned by your local authority, or a provider subcontracted by your local authority, to deliver contraceptive services in:
 - (a) the financial year 2015/16
The LA did not commission the sites.

- (b) the financial year 2016/17
The LA commissioned a central location with spokes based that could be changed based on local need and demand. This is available on the website <https://www.embracewolverhampton.nhs.uk/#>
- (c) the financial year 2017/18
As above.
- (d) the financial year 2018/19
As above.
- (e) plans for the financial year 2019/20
The LA will be determining the sites in partnership with the provider.
- If your organisation has taken a decision to reduce the number of sites, please (i) provide the reason why this decision was taken, (ii) confirm or deny whether an impact assessment was undertaken and (iii) if confirm, share the impact assessment

Request 3:

- Please provide the total volume of activity that your organisation has contracted for the fitting and removal of LARC methods of contraception **(excluding injection)** in your area in
 - (a) sexual and reproductive health services **(excluding general practice)**:
 - (i) the financial year 2015/16
The total volume of activity for the fitting and removal of LARC methods has not been stipulated in the contract for LARC
 - (ii) the financial year 2016/17
See response provided above.
 - (iii) the financial year 2017/18
See response provided above.
 - (iv) the financial year 2018/19
As response provided above.
 - (v) plans for the financial year 2019/20
As response provided above.

(b) GP practices in

- (i) the financial year 2015/16 –
The total volume of activity for the fitting and removal of LARC methods has not been stipulated in the contract for LARC
- (ii) the financial year 2016/17
See response provided above.

- (iii) the financial year 2017/18
See response provided above.
- (iv) the financial year 2018/19
See response provided above.
- (v) plans for the financial year 2019/20
See response provided above.

Request 4:

- Please confirm or deny whether the local authority stipulates and/or monitors waiting time requirements in contracts with
 - (a) general practice
Deny
 - (b) sexual and reproductive health services
 - (i) sexual health appointments,
Confirm
 - (ii) contraception appointments and appointments for fitting LARC.
Deny
- If confirm, for each please release corresponding data on
- a) average waiting times
We monitor the % of booked appointments waiting less than <30 from appointment time - 91% from 2018/ 2019.

% of walk-in appointments waiting less than <30 from allocated time – 78.9% from 2018/2019
- b) the longest waiting time in the most recent year for which figures are available
In response to your above question, Section 1 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 places two duties on public authorities. Unless exemptions apply, the first duty at:
 - Section 1(1) (a) is to confirm or deny whether the information specified in a request is held.
 - The second duty at Section 1(1)(b) is to disclose information that has been confirmed as being held.
In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not monitor the longest waiting time.

Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1(1) (a) of the Act, that states:

"Any person making a request for information to a public authority is entitled to be informed in writing by the public authority whether it holds information of the description specified in the request".

Request 5:

- Please provide information on (a) the number of contracts to deliver sexual and reproductive health services, including the delivery of contraceptive services, that have been terminated earlier than planned and (b) the reasons for each withdrawal or early termination of contract in:
 - (i) the financial year 2015/16
No contracts have been terminated earlier than planned
 - (ii) the financial year 2016/17
See response provided above.
 - (iii) the financial year 2017/18
See response provided above.
 - (iv) the financial year 2018/19
See response provided above.

Request 6:

- Please confirm or deny whether the local authority collects data on the number of complaints received relating to the provision of contraceptive services in
 - (a) general practice
Confirm

2016/17- None reported
2017/18- None reported
2018/19- None reported

The GP practice have an in-house complaints and compliments procedure. In addition the local CCG have their complaints and compliments procedure.
 - (b) community and integrated sexual health providers
Confirm
 - If confirm, please provide information on the number of complaints received relating to the provision of contraceptive services in
 - (a) general practice
None reported
 - (b) sexual and reproductive health services in the financial years

(i) 2016/17

7 formal complaints were made

(ii) 2017/18

2 formal complaints were made

(iii) 2018/19

There have been no complaints made we are still waiting for the final quarters data (the service commenced on 1st June).

- If deny, please provide information on who does collect this data for your area

Request 7:

- Please provide information on the number of community outreach sites (targeting groups or populations who are not effectively reached by traditional health services) commissioned by the local authority to deliver (a) sexual and reproductive health services, (b) contraceptive services and (c) LARC fittings in:

(i) the financial year 2015/16

a) The Council commissioned a voluntary organisation to provide outreach to hard to reach groups in a variety of outreach settings. The number of sites were not specified.

b) No outreach sites were commissioned for contraceptive services.

c) No outreach sites were commissioned for LARC

(ii) the financial year 2016/17

a) The Council does not commission out-reach sites. The local sexual health provider sub contracted a voluntary sector organisation to provide outreach activity targeting certain groups.

b) No outreach sites were commissioned for contraceptive services.

c) No outreach sites were commissioned for LARC

(iii) the financial year 2017/18

As above

(iv) the financial year 2018/19

As above

(v) plans for the financial year 2019/20

To be discussed and agreed with the Sexual Health Provider

Request 8:

- Please confirm or deny whether the local authority commissions standalone sites directed towards young people aged 25 or younger providing sexual and reproductive health services, including the delivery of contraceptive services
[Deny](#)
 - If confirm, please provide information on (a) any age restrictions for accessing these services, (b) the number of standalone services directed towards young people providing sexual health services and (c) the number of standalone services directed towards young people providing contraceptive services commissioned by the local authority (i) in the financial year 2017/18, (ii) in the financial year 2018/19, and (iii) plans for the financial year 2019/20

Request 9:

- Please provide information on the number of conceptions resulting in live birth in
 - (a) looked after children aged 19 or younger
[Current LAC population - 3](#)
 - (b) care leavers aged 19 or younger and
[Current Care Leaver population who are in touch - 4](#)
 - (c) children who are home educated in:
 - (i) the financial year 2015/16-
 - (ii) the financial year 2016/17-
 - (iii) the financial year 2017/18-
 - (iv) the financial year 2018/19-

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[In respect of your above question, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information as we do not analyse the information in the format requested.](#)

[Consequently, we are unable to provide any information relating to the above, and are informing you as required by Section 1\(1\) \(a\) of the Act, that states:](#)

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Request 10:

- Please confirm or deny whether the local authority has a contract in place to deliver digital services for
 - (a) sexual and reproductive health support
[Confirm](#)
 - (b) contraceptive provision
[Confirm](#)
 - (c) sexually transmitted infection testing
[Confirm](#)
 - If confirm, please state who is commissioned to provide these services RWT subcontract saving lives.
[Royal Wolverhampton Foundation Trust and Preventex](#)
 - If deny, please state whether the local authority has plans to commission such services in the future