

CITY OF
WOLVERHAMPTON
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Response to Request for Information

Reference FOI 0316154
Date 30 March 2016

Contraceptive Services

Request:

Request 1:

Please state the budget allocated by your local authority for each financial year (a) 2014/15, (b) 2015/16 and (c) 2016/17 for (i) contraception, (ii) HIV prevention, (iii) GUM services and (iv) all sexual and reproductive health services

Service	2014/15 £	2015/16 £
GUM	1,070,000	1,070,000
CASH	1,141,990	1,141,990
HIV	59,990	59,990
Chlamydia Programme	74,870	74,870
Chlamydia Laboratory Service	30,000	20,000
Local Enhanced Services (LARC/Chlamydia Screening/EHC)	228,770	178,000
GUM out of area – specified costs based on activity	231,830	190,000
GUM out of area – non specified costs	50,000	50,500

The current overall budget allocated for 2016/17 is £2,945,550 for all 4 services. However this amount is subject to a financial review currently underway with our providers and therefore the budget cannot be split across the individual services.

Request 2:

Please confirm or deny whether cuts were made to your local authority's budget in-year during the financial year 2015/16 for (i) contraception and (ii) all sexual and reproductive health services

- a) If confirmed, please disclose how much money was cut from your local authority's budget in-year during the financial year 2015/16 for (i) contraception and (ii) all sexual and reproductive health services
No cuts were made in the financial year during 2015/16.

Request 3:

Please confirm or deny whether your local authority has a policy or contract in place for providers of contraceptive services that does not include a requirement to treat non-residents of your local authority

- a) If confirmed please supply details, including restrictions in provision, prescribing or access to services for non-residents of your local authority
[City of Wolverhampton Council has no policy or contracts not to include this requirement.](#)

Request 4:

Please confirm or deny if you have received invoices for contraceptive services provided to residents of your local authority that have been undertaken out of your local area in the past 12 months

- a) If confirmed, please indicate if you pay invoices received for contraceptive services undertaken out of your local area (a) always, (b) after further investigation, or (c) never.
[Yes invoices have been received and are paid when activity backing data is included.](#)

Request 5:

Please confirm or deny whether your local authority has any policy or contract in place that restricts access to specialist and/or community contraceptive services (not supplied by general practice) to women on the basis of age

- a) If confirmed please supply the local authority's policy or contract on restricting access to contraceptive services
[City of Wolverhampton Council has no policy or contracts to restrict access to women on the basis of age.](#)

Request 6:

Please confirm or deny whether your local authority has put in place, or plans to put in place, any restrictions (due to a woman's age or place of residence) on the prescribing or availability across general practitioners and community settings of (i) any methods of emergency contraception, (ii) long-acting reversible contraceptive methods or (iii) other contraceptive methods during the financial year in (1) 2015/16 and (2) 2016/17

- a) If confirmed please supply the details, including restrictions in provision, prescribing or availability of formulations for individual methods
[City of Wolverhampton Council has no policy or contracts to restrict access to contraception. GP's provide this to any registered patient.](#)

Request 7:

Please confirm or deny whether, for the financial years (i) 2015/16 and (ii) 2016/17, service specifications for community pharmacists providing emergency contraception stipulated an upper age limit for those able to receive emergency contraception free of charge

Pharmacy service specifications for EHC do not have an upper age limit specified.

Request 8:

Please state the number of contracts you held with primary care service providers in your area to provide the fitting and removal of intra-uterine devices (IUD) and systems (IUS) for the financial years (i) 2015/16 and (ii) 2016/17

2015/16 – 33

2016/17 – In respect of 2016/17, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information at the present 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".

I can advise you that this information will be available from 1 June 2016.

Request 9:

Please confirm or deny if your local authority has commissioned a free condom distribution scheme in the financial year (a) 2015/6 and (b) 2016/17

2015/16 The Cash service operated a 'C Card scheme' this was not commissioned separately.

2016/17 This element is specified as part of the new integrated sexual health contract.

Request 10:

Please confirm or deny if your local authority has closed any sites delivering contraceptive care in the financial year 2015/16 - No Commissioners from the LA did not close any sexual health sites in 2015/16. Please contact the service provider the Royal Wolverhampton NHS Trust for any more information.

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will be closing any sites delivering contraceptive care in the financial year 2016/17 - No, the Commissioner will not be closing any sites. The new service specification outlines that sites across the City need to be based on sexual health epidemiology and the only site specified for 2016/17 is a City Centre Hub.

Request 11:

Please state the number of sites in your local authority contracted to deliver specialist and/or community contraceptive services (not supplied by general practice) in the financial years (i) 2015/16 and (ii) 2016/17

[NOT PROTECTIVELY MARKED]

In respect of request 11 above, it has been established after careful consideration that the Council does not hold the above information. 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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I can advise you that this information will be held by the Royal Wolverhampton Trust.