

Sexual Health Strategy - Implementation Action Plan for 2004 / 2005

Objective	Tasks	Outline resource implications (£)	Timescale	Lead
FRAMEWORK FOR DELIVERY - LOCAL IMPLEMENTATION				
AIM: The Sexual Health Network will embrace it's leadership role and develop a shared commitment to improving the sexual health and well-being of the residents of Bolton.				
a. Ensure that the sexual health network is established and fit for purpose by April 2004.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review existing membership of the Sexual Health Strategy Group and ensure it reflects the needs of the new network configuration. ▪ Ensure that a programme of network meetings are scheduled and disseminated to all members. ▪ Convene the inaugural network meeting. ▪ Establish discrete task and finish groups on a needs basis to further develop and/or deliver agreed aspects of the sexual health strategy action plan. 	0	April 2004	PCT Sexual Health Lead
b. Ensure robust management arrangements are in place to initiate and support the continuing development and implementation of the integrated service network model.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Senior management group established to identify and address key management issues relating to the transition from existing service configuration to the integrated model of service provision. ▪ Action plan developed to facilitate implementation of integrated model of service provision. 	0	March 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision / Public Health/ RBH
c. Facilitate user involvement in the development of sexual health and HIV services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop different models to support comprehensive user involvement in service development and review. ▪ Model in place. 	1,000	April 2004	PCT Health Promotion Specialist

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d. Model for network clinical leadership developed.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop model. ▪ Define scope of responsibility for the clinical lead role and network co-ordinator. ▪ Appoint network clinical lead(s). 	Unknown	June 2004	PCT Sexual Health Lead
e. Clarify and confirm accountability and performance monitoring arrangements with the Adult Partnership Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Meet with Adult Partnership Board and agree arrangements and process for continuing performance monitoring and review. 	0	April 2004	PCT Sexual Health Lead
g. Develop a comprehensive communication strategy that underpins the work of the sexual health network.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish task and finish group with a brief to develop strategy. ▪ Communication strategy and implementation plan produced. 	2,000	June 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision / Public Health
<p>IMPROVE COMMISSIONING</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will ensure that the commissioning of sexual health and HIV services is evidence based and responds to the sexual health needs of the residents of Bolton by improving access to quality services for treatment, care, support and health promotion.</p>				
a. Develop a local framework to support and influence the commissioning of sexual health and HIV services both locally and on a consortia basis across PCT and LAs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Commissioning task group to be established to translate the national sexual health and HIV commissioning toolkit into a commissioning framework for the local sexual health network. ▪ Ensure that specialist commissioning arrangements with North Manchester PCT for HIV treatment and care reflect the needs of Bolton. 	0	April 2004	PCT Service Commissioning & Re-design

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Support and contribute to the development and review of the Greater Manchester HIV Investment strategy. ▪ Ensure that all commissioning arrangements are supported by robust mechanism for performance monitoring and review. ▪ Identify opportunities for potential pooled budget arrangements in relation to voluntary agency commissioning. ▪ Ensure effective links with key stakeholders financial planning processes to facilitate joined up commissioning. 			
<p>MONITOR PROGRESS</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will ensure that a systematic approach to performance monitoring and review is in place that provides accurate and timely information on progress towards achieving key milestones and targets.</p>				
a. Review the availability of existing information systems in relation to undiagnosed HIV, newly acquired HIV and gonorrhoea infections.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Identify current data collection systems and gaps in data in relation to national targets. ▪ Develop a proposal including resource implications for information systems development in the context of national information requirements and guidance. 	Unknown	Dec 2004	PCT Public Health Directorate
b. Ensure that performance monitoring information is routinely submitted to the sexual health network for review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standardised performance monitoring report developed based on routinely available information. ▪ Performance monitoring report routinely submitted for review by the sexual health network. 	0	June 2004	PCT Service Commissioning & Re-design
c. Facilitate and co-ordinate the completion of the annual AIDS Control Act Return.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure that return is completed in accordance with national guidance. 	0	Not yet known	PCT Sexual Health Lead / Resource Allocation

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<p>MONITOR INVESTMENT</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will ensure that a robust mechanism is in place to routinely review and monitor investment in sexual health and HIV services and ensure that investment priorities are translated into financial planning processes of network organisations as appropriate.</p>				
<p>Ensure that financial monitoring information is routinely submitted to the sexual health network for review.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Standardised performance monitoring report developed based on routinely available information. ▪ Performance monitoring report routinely submitted for review by the sexual health network. 	<p>0</p>	<p>June 2004</p>	<p>PCT Resource Allocation</p>
<p>BETTER PREVENTION</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will work towards coordinating sexual health information and health promotion initiatives which respond to the needs of local populations and support efforts to reduce undiagnosed HIV, ensure access to treatment and limit the further transmission of sexually transmitted infections.</p>				
<p>Ensure existing sexual health information resources are culturally sensitive and appropriate.</p>	<p>Information task group to review and identify gaps in current sexual health information resources, update and standardise. All educational materials should be culturally appropriate and linguistically specific.</p> <p>Develop / commission new resources as required.</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>February 2004</p>	<p>PCT, Health Promotion Specialist</p>
<p>Identify need for training among providers of treatment and care services for people with HIV/AIDS</p>	<p>Training sub group to be established to identify training needs and develop a programme of training to ensure that service providers have the skills, information and knowledge for HIV prevention and sexual health promotion.</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Sept 2004</p>	<p>PCT Health Promotion Specialist</p>

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Services who work with target groups to identify potential barriers to their clients accessing sexual health information/services and develop solutions to overcome those barriers.	<p>Appropriate services to develop sexual health promotion programmes with the following target groups :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Young People – To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of SRE teaching programmes in schools. - Sexual health services as part of school nursing service. - Sexual health and contraceptive services at The Parallel. - Work with looked after young people / Young offenders / Young people from BME groups / Teenage parents. * Black and Minority Ethnic Groups * People with learning disabilities * People with Mental health problems * Injecting Drug Misusers * People with and Affected by HIV * Sex workers * Gay and Bisexual Men – To include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evaluation of community development worker & recommendations for future service development - Homophobic bullying training with schools 	Unknown	Dec 2004	PCT Health Promotion Specialist
BETTER SERVICES:				
1. SERVICE STANDARDS AIM: The Sexual Health Network will develop and work towards delivering network wide service standards				
Deliver better services through the development and	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Work with local service providers and users to develop a set of service standards in the context of national guidance and 	0	Dec 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision /

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implementation of network wide service standards.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the 3 levels of service provision. ▪ Develop a rolling programme of service audit and evaluation. 			Public Health
<p>2. IMPLEMENT 3 LEVELS OF SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICE</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual health Network will lead the development of a comprehensive range of sexual health services in accordance with the 3 levels of service outlined in the national strategy.</p>				
Develop a strategy and action plan to support the development of a network-wide model for implementing the 3 service levels.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Establish a discrete group to develop a local approach to defining and implementing the 3 levels of service provision, ▪ Produce a model and plan for action to facilitate progress in implementing the 3 levels of service. ▪ Organise network-wide consultation events on the proposed model and phased plan of action. ▪ Finalise model. ▪ Commence implementation of service model. ▪ Develop integrated care pathways for the service model recognising the variety of settings in which provision can take place. ▪ Undertake training needs analysis in relation to the service model. ▪ Develop a training and education strategy to underpin the service model. ▪ Develop service quality agreements to support monitoring and review. 	0	Dec 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision / Public Health
Improve GUM services in accordance with	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Translate outcomes from the local review of GUM services into the sexual health service and network development 	Unknown	June 2004	RBH / PCT Sexual Health Lead

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recommendations arising from the local independent service review.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ process. ▪ Outcomes considered as part of work to develop a model for the 3 levels of service. 			
Confidentiality underpins all aspects of sexual health service provision.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Develop a network-wide confidentiality framework policy. 	Unknown	June 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision
<p>3. DEVELOP TARGETED SEXUAL HEALTH SERVICES</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual health Network will provide services that focus on need and are targeted at hard to each / marginalised groups in the community.</p>				
Improve access to sexual health services by hard to reach groups.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Review the location and opening hours of existing services, identify potential gaps in provision and develop an option appraisal paper for developing outreach sexual health services. ▪ Develop a local policy that tackles known barriers to access. ▪ Develop a programme of education to ensure all providers of sexual health services are trained and supported so they can deliver respectful non-discriminatory care regardless of setting. ▪ Develop work with local service users and organisations to maximise service uptake. ▪ Develop networks with others inside and outside the NHS who serve hard to reach populations. 	Unknown	Dec 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision / Public Health
Reduce undiagnosed HIV, ensure access to treatment and limit further transmission of sexually transmitted	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Translate the CHAPS strategy into local primary and secondary prevention programmes. 	Unknown	Ongoing	PCT Health Promotion Specialist

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infections.				
4. IMPROVE CONTRACEPTIVE SERVICES				
AIM: The Sexual health Network will build on existing good practice and ensure that high quality contraceptive services are available that include comprehensive advice on avoiding, diagnosing or treating STIs.				
Develop a model for the provision of contraceptive services that responds to the diverse sexual health needs of the population.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Group established to develop a comprehensive network-wide model for the provision of contraceptive services across all 3 service levels. ▪ Outline model developed. ▪ Organise network-wide consultation events on the proposed model. ▪ Finalise model. ▪ Develop integrated care pathways for the service model recognising the variety of settings in which provision can take place. ▪ Undertake training needs analysis in relation to the service model. ▪ Develop a training and education strategy to underpin the service model. ▪ Develop service quality agreements to support service monitoring and review. 	Unknown	Sept 2004	PCT Directorate of Service Provision / Public Health
Develop a pilot scheme to target the provision of EHC by pharmacies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Task group to be established to develop pilot proposal. ▪ Implement pilot. ▪ Evaluate pilot and make recommendations for future service delivery. 	33,000	Feb 2005	PCT Clinical Governance

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<p>5. TACKLE INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO ABORTION</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual health Network will ensure that access to termination of pregnancy (TOPs) services is improved and will work towards the National standard that women who meet the legal requirements should have access to abortion within 3 weeks of the first appointment with a GP or other referring doctor.</p>				
Review current service provision with a view to increasing local capacity and improving access to terminations of pregnancy.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Discrete group in place to review TOPs services. ▪ Develop business case to increase local capacity and provision of TOPs. ▪ Translate agreed recommendations from the business case into the PCT LDP planning process. ▪ Develop patient care pathway and referral process for TOPs. ▪ Review and update information about local pregnancy counselling and termination services. ▪ Develop a publicity plan for the service. ▪ Develop network- wide educational events to raise awareness of the scope of service provision and how to access it. ▪ Develop service quality agreements to support service monitoring and review in the NHS and private sector. 	To be identified	April 2004	PCT Service Re-design
<p>6. ROLL OUT CHLAMYDIA SCREENING</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual health Network will facilitate the roll-out of the national screening programme in accordance with national policy guidance once it is available.</p>				
Implement national screening programme.	National guidance and clarification of new funding availability awaited.	To be identified	Not known	PCT Sexual Health Lead

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Clarify existing provision of chlamydia screening and arrangements for access.	Identify current capacity in relation to chlamydia screening and develop a referral protocol for accessing existing service provision.	Unknown	June 2004	PCT Sexual health Lead
<p>IMPROVE SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will work to develop easily accessible information, advocacy and support services for people with HIV/AIDS, including the development of self help support networks</p>				
Ensure that arrangements for the provision of HIV/AIDS prevention and social care reflect the needs of the population.	Implement outcomes from the review of HIV/AIDS voluntary agency commissioning arrangements.	0	Sept 2004	PCT Sexual Health Lead/ Service Re-design
Develop local accessible services for adults, children and young people with HIV and AIDS to meet identified information, advocacy and support needs.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop a mechanism to enable people with HIV/AIDS to influence local policy / re-design of services - Explore feasibility of setting up a user advocacy group - Provide comprehensive information about the range of services available to people with HIV/AIDS. - Meet identified needs for respite care. - Address the wider health needs of people with HIV/AIDS 	Unknown	Mar 2005	PCT Health Promotion Specialist
Develop HIV managed care network	Involve commissioners and providers in acute trust, PCT, PHCTeams and Social Services.	Unknown	Mar 2005	Centre for Sexual Health, RBH

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<p>TACKLING STIGMA AND DISCRIMINATION</p> <p>AIM: The Sexual Health Network will develop and promote environments that are supportive of sexual health.</p>				
<p>To promote professionals' skills, knowledge and positive attitudes through education and training.</p>	<p>Attitudes, skills and knowledge development to be an integral part of any network wide training and education programmes developed to support the implementation and continued development of the sexual health service network.</p>	<p>Unknown</p>	<p>Mar 2005</p>	<p>PCT Health Promotion Specialist</p>