

Swindon Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015-2020

Health and Wellbeing Board

Date: 9 December 2015

Author: Director of Public Health

Wards: All

Locality Affected: All

Parishes Affected: All

1. Purpose and Reasons

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of the new Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015- 2020 for Swindon which supersedes the previous NHS Swindon Sexual Health Strategy 2010 – 2014.
- 1.2 The Council has a duty to improve the sexual health of its population under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 and the new Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 will provide strategic focus to achieve this duty.
- 1.3 The recommendation supports delivery of Swindon's Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2013 – 16. It contributes to the One Swindon priority: living independently protected from harm, leading healthy lives and making a positive contribution. It helps deliver the Health and Wellbeing Board's priorities of reducing vulnerability and improve health for all, working with people and families to help them fulfil their potential, and making the best use of all available resources.
- 1.4 A copy of the draft Swindon Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 - 2020 can be found at Appendix1.

2. Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- 2.1 Endorse and support the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 for Swindon.
- 2.2 Recommend to Cabinet and the Governing Body of Swindon Clinical Commissioning Group that they adopt the Swindon Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020.

3. Detail

Background

- 3.1 Sexual health matters to both individuals and communities and is important across the whole life course. It encompasses a wide range of areas including sexually transmitted infections (STIs including HIV), teenage pregnancy, abortions, contraception and relationships. People need to have the right information, knowledge and confidence to make the right choices for themselves.

Further information on the subject of this report can be obtained from Dr Ayo Oyinloye, Consultant in Public Health Medicine, 01793 444674, aoyinloye@swindon.gov.uk.

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- 3.2 Sexual ill health is not equally distributed within the population. Strong links exist between deprivation and STIs, teenage conceptions and abortions, with the highest burden borne by women, men who have sex with men (MSM), teenagers, young adults and black and minority ethnic groups. Similarly HIV infection in the UK disproportionately affects MSM and Black Africans residing in the UK.
- 3.3 The Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 - 2020 recognises that good sexual health is important throughout the life course. In Swindon we are committed to improving sexual health outcomes and reducing inequalities by having easily accessible services, which are delivered in accordance with the principles of progressive universalism. We will aim to build a sexual health culture that prioritises prevention and supports behaviour change.
- 3.4 The Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 - 2020 builds upon the findings from the Swindon Sexual Health Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (2015). It also takes into account the National Strategy for Sexual Health and HIV (2010) and is aligned to the Department of Health's Framework for Sexual Health Improvement in England (2013).
- 3.5 The aim of the strategy is to improve the sexual health of the whole population of Swindon by:
- 3.5.1 Building a sexual health culture that prioritises prevention and supports behaviour change.
 - 3.5.2 Reducing inequalities and improving sexual health outcomes.
 - 3.5.3 Recognising that poor sexual health can affect people from all parts of society.
 - 3.5.4 Working together with our partners to ensure the best outcomes for our population.
 - 3.5.5 Commissioning evidence based and cost effective interventions.
 - 3.5.6 Monitoring and evaluating the impact of interventions on improving sexual health outcomes.
- 3.6 The five priority outcomes for our population are:
- 1) Build knowledge and resilience among young people up to age 18
 - 2) Reduce rates of STIs among people of all ages in the life course
 - 3) Reduce onward transmission of and avoidable deaths from HIV
 - 4) Reduce unplanned pregnancies among all women of fertile age
 - 5) Continue to reduce the rate of under 16 and under 18 conceptions
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- 3.7 The Swindon Sexual & Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 – 2020 will be underpinned by a series of outcome based delivery plans that will be monitored by the multi-agency Sexual Health Executive Group (SHEG).

4. Alternative Options

- 4.1 There are no alternative options.

5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management

Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications. . Local Authorities face significant financial challenges over the coming years and will need to ensure the requirements of the Strategy are completed in a way that does not require additional resources or potentially could improve sexual health outcomes for people without the need for local authority funding.

Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 The Council is required to comply with the statutory provisions referred to in the report. All other legal and human rights implication have been considered in preparation of this report. It is considered that the recommendations of the report are compatible with Convention rights.

All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no specific implications relating to this report.

Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment (DIA) has been completed. No adverse impacts were identified based on religion, sexual orientation, marital/civil partnership status, or pregnancy/maternity. A copy of the DIA with more detailed information can be requested from the report author.

Risk Management

- 5.5 A risk assessment has been completed. There are no risk management issues arising from this report.

6. Consultees

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

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7. Background Papers

7.1 None.

8. Appendices

8.1 Appendix 1 – Draft Swindon’s Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2015 - 2020.