# Sexual Health Services Review.

May 2016



## **Background**

- The commissioning responsibilities for sexual health services, transferred to local authorities in April 2013.
- Local authorities are mandated to provide open and unrestricted access to sexual health services.
- This includes access to contraception and Genitourinary medicine (GUM) services.



#### What do we have to do?

#### **Mandatory**

- Mandatory services prevent and treat sexually transmitted diseases and provide sexual and reproductive health services-predominantly contraception- these are open access.
- This includes HIV prevention and awareness raising.



#### What do we have to do?

- Three specific sexual health outcomes in the Public Health Outcomes Framework:
- Proportion of persons presenting with HIV at a late stage of infection
- Under 18 conception rate
- Chlamydia diagnosis rates per 100,000 young adults aged 15-24



## **Key Policy Drivers**

- A Framework for Sexual Health Improvement in England (DOH 2013)
- Making it work A guide to whole system commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV (PHE 2015)
- Sexual Health Commissioning in local government: building strong relationships, meeting local needs (LGA/MEDFASH 2015)



## **Proposal**

 The transfer of the commissioning responsibilities has provided an opportunity to reshape current provision to form an integrated sexual health service.



#### What this means?

 In order to comply with European Public Health Contracts regulations we are duty bound to review the service and undertake a competitive marketing process, in order to ensure that contracts are awarded transparently and without any discrimination.



#### **Timescales**

May - June

Consultation and engagement

June - July

Design and consult on new service Model

August - Nov

Commission new service and award contract

**Early 2017** 

New contract starts



#### Influences

- Newcastle City Council mandated to provide comprehensive open access sexual health services.
- Accountable for three specific sexual health outcomes in the Public Health Outcomes Framework.
- Impact of financial challenges.

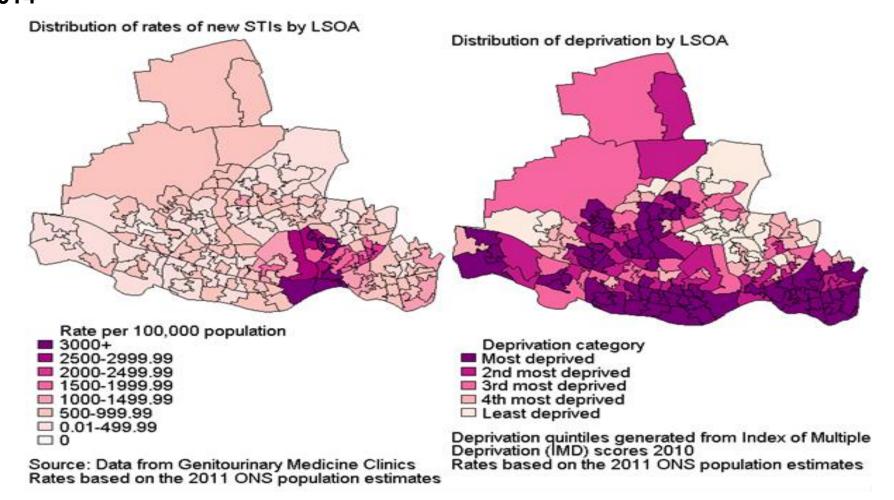


## What are the priorities?

- Sexually transmitted infection rates still high and rising compared to other cities.
- Teenage conceptions are decreasing, but still above England average
- HIV prevalence is increasing
- The needs of specific population groups e.g.
- -Young People
- –Black and Minority Ethnic Groups (BME)
- -Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transsexual (LGBT)



### Rates of new STIs and deprivation by LSOA\* Newcastle 2014, PHE LASER Report 2014





### **Key Facts**

- Sexually transmitted diseases Newcastle consistently has the highest rates for the different STI types in the region and are also in the top 20% nationally. Of particular concern are high rates of gonorrhea and syphilis which indicate high levels of risky sexual behavior in the population
- Chlamydia screening (15-24 yrs.) decline in number of tests and the population coverage.
   Positivity rates just in the threshold (5-12%) at 5.1%



## **Key Facts**

- HIV 41% of cases diagnosed late in Newcastle
- Contraception under 16 rates accessing Emergency Hormonal Contraception are approximately double the national average



#### Where more needs to be done

- Address the needs associated with sexual coercion, exploitation and violence (e.g. Female genital mutilation, rape).
- Support the needs of the most vulnerable groups, their families, friends and communities, in particular:

Substance misusers Care leavers

Children in need People with mental health problems

Homeless people Offenders

Sex workers New arrivals from abroad

Trafficked people People with learning disabilities



## **Commissioning Scope**

#### In scope

- Genitourinary Medicine(GUM)services
   Investigation, diagnosis, treatment, screening and testing for sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- Reproductive sexual health RSH (formerly family planning): All methods of contraception.
- Sexual health promotion.
- Targeted support for young people and vulnerable groups.



## **Commissioning Scope**

#### Out of scope

- Abortion, vasectomy and sterilisation services CCGs
- HIV treatment and care services NHS England
- Sexual Assault Referral Centres (SARCs) NHS England
- Sexual Health services as part of GP core contract
   NHS England
- Sex and relationship education in schools -Schools (and school nursing)



## Our vision: What do we want to achieve?

- To provide an integrated sexual health system that supports Newcastle residents to make informed, confident choices that, when necessary, ensures access to appropriate good quality services.
- Ensuring all residents have the right and opportunity to live a healthy sexual and reproductive life, free of discrimination, regret, coercion and violence

