

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL

1.	Meeting	Cabinet Member for Adult Social Care
2.	Date	26th January 2015
3.	Title	Sexual Health Strategy
4.	Directorate	Public Health

5. Summary

Following the recommendations of the Rotherham Health and Wellbeing Board in May 2013 the multi agency Sexual Health Strategy Group has been reconvened to produce an updated, comprehensive strategy for Rotherham.

The strategy has now been produced, has been out for consultation and is now being ratified by the various agencies who will be responsible for its delivery.

6. Recommendations

That the strategy is agreed and adopted on behalf of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council prior to being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board for ratification

7. Proposals and details

The 2010 white paper Healthy Lives, Healthy People outlined the Government's aim to work towards an integrated model of service delivery for sexual health services and in March 2013 The Department of Health published 'A Framework for Sexual Health Improvement in England' which set out for commissioners and providers the Government's ambitions for good sexual health and provided information about what would be needed to deliver good sexual health services.

Following the changes in commissioning responsibility partnership working is vital and is stressed in the framework as is the importance for locally directed initiatives to ensure relevant and 'seamless' service delivery.

A local Strategy for Sexual Health, developed by a range of partners, would provide the best framework for this work in Rotherham

In May 2013 the Health and Wellbeing Board recommended the reconvening of a multi agency Sexual Health Strategy Group to produce an updated, comprehensive strategy for Rotherham.

The strategy group, chaired by Councillor Stone, first met in October 2013 and a draft Strategy, agreed by all members, was circulated for consultation in June 2014. Following the period of consultation the group, chaired by Councillor Doyle, agreed on the finalised strategy in December 2014. It was further agreed to take the strategy forward to the Health and Wellbeing Board for ratification.

8. Finance

There should be no additional financial concerns

9. Risks and uncertainties

Developing a comprehensive strategic approach to the commissioning and delivering of sexual health services can help minimise risk in relation to control of infection and in tackling unintended teenage pregnancy

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

There are implications for performance in relation to the Public Health Outcomes Framework (Teenage pregnancy, Chlamydia screening and HIV early detection).

The further development of the safeguarding measures should also be seen as a contribution to measures designed to identify and prevent sexual exploitation.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Public Health Outcome Framework for England, 2013 -2016

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