

	<u>Agenda Item: 16</u>
Report to:	Birmingham Health & Wellbeing Board
Date:	8th February 2022
TITLE:	UPDATES ON THE DRAFT SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH STRATEGY 2023 – 2030 AND SEXUAL HEALTH PROVISION FOR UNDER 13S
Organisation	Birmingham City Council
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Report Type:	Information
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1. Purpose:
<p>To update the Health and Wellbeing Board on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2023 - 2030 - Sexual Health provision for under 13s

2. Implications:		
BHWB Strategy Priorities	Childhood Obesity	
	Health Inequalities	x
Joint Strategic Needs Assessment		
Creating a Healthy Food City		
Creating a Mentally Healthy City		
Creating an Active City		
Creating a City without Inequality		x
Health Protection		x

3. Recommendation
<p>3.1 The Board is asked to note the information detailed in the report.</p> <p>3.2 If Board members have any questions in relation to the information provided within this report on the Draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2023 –</p>

2030 and/or Sexual Health provision for under 13s these can be directed to:
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4. Report Body

1. Draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy

The draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2023 - 2030 sets out our plans to respond to increasing rates of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV and improve the reproductive health of our citizens. Sexual Health can impact an individual's emotional, physical and mental health, their economic means and social relationships. The effects of poor sexual and reproductive health are far reaching and for those affected, the impacts are compounded by social stigma and fear.

The end-date of 2030 is to ensure alignment with other public health ambitions such as Fast Track Cities Plus which is a more joined up effort to eliminate and eradicate new transmissions of blood-borne viruses and TB, encompassing a whole-city approach, Birmingham signed up to the Fast Track Cities 2030 vision in 2020. Triple Zero is the City Strategy for tackling substance use for the period 2020 – 2030.

A strong national and local evidence-base has informed the draft Strategy in order to tailor our approach to address the sexual health needs of Birmingham and Solihull's population through the following five themes:

- Theme One: Priority groups
- Theme Two: Reducing the rates of sexually transmitted infections
- Theme Three: Reducing the number of unplanned pregnancies
- Theme Four: Building resilience
- Theme Five: Children and young people

Led by the Public Health Division, Birmingham City Council in partnership with Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council and key stakeholders will ensure that through the implementation of the Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy:

- Every resident has access to sexual health services that meet their individual needs.
- Services are local, relevant, approachable, confidential, non-judgemental, and Provide services to anyone in need, while respecting all protected characteristics.
- Citizens have control of their own sexual health with services providing support where needed.

Work is underway to commission an all-age sexual health service from 1st April 2023 and the strategy is key to the development of the service specification for sexual and reproductive sexual health services in the city and is an integral part of the Invitation to Tender (ITT) which in turn will ensure Birmingham City Council are able to commission open access sexual health services successfully.

The draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy is being presented to the Birmingham City Council Corporate Leadership Team on Monday 7th February 2022 for approval to proceed to Cabinet on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 for approval to consult.

It is intended that the draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy will open for public consultation via Be Heard on Monday 28th March 2022 for 30 days and end at midnight on Tuesday 26th April 2022. The decision to consult for 30 days is because this strategy is supported by and reflects our local Sexual Health Needs Assessment (SHNA) and whilst undertaking the SHNA, extensive engagement took place with GPs, Pharmacists, Communities and Speciality Practitioners who specialise in the following areas; U18s, Overs 65s, BAME, LGBTQ, Refugees and Migrants, Substance Use, Sexual Health, Homeless, Learning Disabilities, physical Disabilities, Sensory Disabilities and Sexual Violence. In addition, over 100 surveys within the community were completed.

An Equality Impact Assessment (EIA) has been undertaken, of the nine protected characteristics in the Equality Act 2010 the draft strategy will have a positive impact on 4 characteristics and a neutral impact on 5 characteristics.

The consultation document (draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy), consultation questionnaire and Equality Impact Assessment are included as Appendices within this information report.

2. Sexual Health provision for under 13s

The current joint BCC and SMBC commissioned Umbrella Sexual Health service contracted with University Hospitals Birmingham NHS Foundation Trust does not fully cater for the needs of children under the age of 13 years and those with a mental capacity of under 13 as assessed under the Mental Capacity Act 2005 (collectively referred to as 'under 13s' in this briefing) through its existing clinical provision - Umbrella clinics are not deemed appropriate as child-focused for this particularly vulnerable group. Sexual provision is instead managed through a safeguarding process with referrals being directed to the police via the West Midlands Children and Young Person Sexual Assault Referral Centre (CYP SARC) and with the HIV Paediatric Team at Heartlands Hospital for follow-up STI treatment and support through an informal arrangement.

Sexual health commissioners for Birmingham and Solihull propose to:

Agree robust provision with University Hospitals Birmingham to the end of the current sexual health contract until 31st March 2023, and
Develop on-going provision as part of commissioning of all-age sexual health services from 1st April 2023.

Work is underway to commission an all-age sexual health service from 1st April 2023 which will include consultation/engagement on provision for under 13s and referenced in the Sexual Health strategy for 2023+.

The system at present is fragmented and would benefit from being strengthened across the West Midlands by developing a clear pathway which will require the identification of all relevant stakeholders, sharing examples of local, national and international good practice (e.g. The Lighthouse in London), highlighting where

there may be challenges and reflecting on learning. Building the agreed model into the all-age sexual health service specification would strengthen pathways and referrals to partners.

Recommended Next Steps:

- Organise a partnered collaborative task and finish review group with key players e.g. NHSE, Police, Safeguarding, CCG/PCNs, local authorities, voluntary care sector, paediatricians with lead interests etc.
- Agree to develop approved pathways for care including stakeholder workshop(s) and engagement.
- Agree to develop a financial model to formally fund the service.
- Agree to enhance and renew the expertise for the service leadership
- Determine the appropriate lead agency e.g. ICS.
- Build activities into the sexual health procurement timeline.

5. Compliance Issues

5.1 HWBB Forum Responsibility and Board Update

5.1.1 Any risks and subsequent issues in relation to the draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy 2023 – 2030 and/or Sexual Health Provision for Under 13s will be monitored and managed by Commissioners and the Public Health Adults Team.

5.2 Management Responsibility

Dr Justin Varney, Director of Public Health, Birmingham City Council

6. Risk Analysis

Identified Risk	Likelihood	Impact	Actions to Manage Risk
Delays to the procurement of an all-age sexual health service to be in place from 1st April 2023	Low	High	Commissioners and Public Health to manage the procurement timeline and have appropriate mitigations in place in the event of any risks/issues.
Unable to agree U13 pathway	Low	High	Commissioners and Public Health to manage the partnership collaborative with key partners and stakeholders

			and manage any associated risks/issues.
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Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Sexual and Reproductive Health Strategy



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Appendix 2 - Consultation questionnaire



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Appendix 3 – Equality Impact Assessment



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