

sexual health services

Overview

Leicester City Council buys services to raise the awareness of sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and HIV to help prevent the spread of these infections and help people remain healthy.

We are currently reviewing the range of services available in order to determine the wider sexual health needs of Leicester residents now and in the future.  The current range of services will be in place until 1 April 2019. Responses to this consultation will help us determine which services we need to retain, and what is missing.

About you

Are you...?

Please select only one item

- ☐ A person who uses sexual health services
- ☐ A family member / carer of someone who uses sexual health services
- ☐ A member of the public ☐ An employee of a sexual health service
- ☐ A representative of a voluntary sector organisation or charity
- ☐ An NHS / health professional ☐ Responding for a group ☐ Other

If Other, or responding on behalf of a group, please specify

What is your postcode? (home or work, as appropriate)

Please note: we collect postcode data to gain a better understanding of which parts of the city / county respond to our consultations. We cannot identify individual properties or addresses from this information.

The new sexual health service

The key aims of the new service will be to:

- Provide safe sex advice and information within local community venues
- Raise awareness of risky sexual behaviour
- Increase the amount of HIV / STI testing available in local communities
- Increase 1-2-1 support for men and women regarding their sexuality or stigma
- Provide information about 'self managed care' *
- Promote sexual health via the most appropriate means in the way that is best for each different community (for example, outreach work, social media, etc).
- Community based POCT tests using standards and training provided by the specialist sexual health services

Related Information

* Self managed care

There is an increasing use of self -managed care in sexual health. This includes the use of self-testing for sexually transmitted infections. This is when an individual takes their own tests, sends them for analysis and receives the result back by phone call, text or email. We would ensure that all communities have information about these methods and are able to use them.


** Point of care testing (POCT)


Community organisations will be able to provide HIV tests and give people results. This would be done under guidance and advice from the doctors and nurses in the sexual health service.

What are your views on the key aims of the new service?

Please offer any additional aims you think we should include

Priority groups likely to use the new service

Although the new  sexual health service will be open to everyone, we have identified different types of people in Leicester who have more sexual health needs than others, and who would benefit from specific sexual health and HIV prevention advice and information.

In your opinion, which of these groups  should receive sexual health / HIV advice and information? (please tick each box to indicate Yes, and leave unticked if No)

	Yes	No
Men who have sex with men	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
People of African / mixed heritage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16-24 year olds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
European migrants and new arrivals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

If you have left any of the No boxes, please indicate why you think this group should not receive advice / information

Are there any other groups who should be added to this priority list? (please list and provide reason why they should be added)

Reduction in sexual health and HIV prevention specifically for HIV positive people

The treatment for HIV is now so effective that most people are well and do not need a high level of support specifically for their HIV.

In addition 'Treatment as Prevention' (TasP) means that HIV+ people on treatment with a low number of virus particles in their blood (viral load) are unlikely to transmit HIV.

This means that those on effective treatment are unlikely to transmit HIV during unprotected sexual intercourse, which in turn reduces the need for specific HIV prevention for HIV positive people.

Do you have any comments on this reduction in sexual health and HIV prevention for HIV positive people?

Final comments

Do you have any final comments on the new community based sexual health service?

Equality monitoring

The information you provide in this final section of the questionnaire will be kept in accordance with terms of current Data Protection legislation and will only be used for the purpose of monitoring. Your details will not be passed on to any other individual, organisation or group. Leicester City Council is the data controller for the information on this form for the purposes of current Data Protection legislation.

Ethnic background:

Please select only one item

- ☐ Asian or Asian British: Bangladeshi ☐ Asian or Asian British: Indian
- ☐ Asian or Asian British: Pakistani
- ☐ Asian or Asian British: Any other Asian background
- ☐ Black or Black British: African ☐ Black or Black British: Caribbean
- ☐ Black or Black British: Somali
- ☐ Black or Black British: Any other Black background ☐ Chinese
- ☐ Chinese: Any other Chinese background
- ☐ Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Asian
- ☐ Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Black African
- ☐ Dual/Multiple Heritage: White & Black Caribbean
- ☐ Dual/Multiple Heritage: Any other heritage background ☐ White: British
- ☐ White: European ☐ White: Irish ☐ White: Any other White background
- ☐ Other ethnic group: Gypsy/Romany/Irish Traveller
- ☐ Other ethnic group: Any other ethnic group ☐ Prefer not to say

If you said your ethnic group was one of the 'Other' categories, please tell us what this is:

Age:

Please select only one item

- ☐ under 18 ☐ 18 - 25 ☐ 26 - 35 ☐ 36 - 45 ☐ 46 - 55 ☐ 56 - 65
- ☐ 66+ ☐ Prefer not to say

How would you define your religion or belief?

Please select only one item

- ☐ Atheist ☐ Bahai ☐ Buddhist ☐ Christian ☐ Hindu ☐ Jain
☐ Jewish ☐ Muslim ☐ Sikh ☐ No religion ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Any other religion or belief (please specify)

Sexual orientation. Do you consider yourself to be ...

Please select only one item

- ☐ Bisexual ☐ Gay / lesbian ☐ Heterosexual / straight ☐ Prefer not to say
☐ Other (please specify)

Disability

The Equality Act 2010 defines a person as disabled if they have a physical or mental impairment which has a substantial and long-term effect on their ability to carry out normal day-to-day activities and has lasted or is likely to last for at least 12 months. People with HIV, cancer, multiple sclerosis (MS) and severe disfigurement are also covered by the Equality Act.

Do you consider yourself to be a disabled person?

Please select only one item

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Prefer not to say

If you have answered '**Yes**' to the above, please state the type of impairment that applies to you. People may experience more than one type of impairment, in which case you may need to tick more than one box. If none of the categories apply, please tick 'Other' and state the type of impairment.

Please select all that apply

☐

A long standing illness or health condition such as cancer, HIV, diabetes, chronic heart disease, or epilepsy

☐

A mental health difficulty, such as depression, schizophrenia or anxiety disorder

☐

A physical impairment or mobility issues, such as difficulty using your arms or using a wheelchair or crutches

☐

A social / communication impairment such as a speech and language impairment or Asperger's syndrome / other autistic spectrum disorder

☐

A specific learning difficulty or disability such as Down's syndrome, dyslexia, dyspraxia or AD(H)D

☐

Blind or have a visual impairment uncorrected by glasses

☐

Deaf or have a hearing impairment

☐

An impairment, health condition or learning difference that is not listed above (specify if you wish)

☐

Prefer not to say

☐

Other

What is your gender identity?

Please select only one item

☐ Female ☐ Male ☐ Prefer to use my own term ☐ Prefer not to say

If own term, please specify

Is your gender identity the same as the gender you were assigned at birth?

Please select only one item

☐ Yes ☐ No