

# Sexual Health Services Review Consultation Information

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Public consultation: Please submit your views by midnight  
on **Sunday 12 March 2023**

# Introduction

Sexual health services for Leicestershire and Rutland comprise of the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) and Community Based Services (CBS).

The Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) is currently jointly commissioned by Leicester City, Leicestershire County and Rutland County Councils.

This service has main clinics (hub clinics) alongside several smaller (spoke) clinics.

Hub clinics are in:

- Haymarket Centre (Leicester)
- Loughborough Health Centre

Spoke clinics are in:

- Rutland Memorial Hospital
- Hinckley Health Centre
- St. Luke's Hospital (Market Harborough)
- Coalville Community Hospital

Throughout the survey, we refer to the model as the hub and spoke model.

The service provides:

- sexually transmitted infection testing and treatment
- a specific young people's service
- psychosexual counselling
- contraceptive services
- outreach and health promotion
- professional training
- network management
- sexual health leadership role across LLR

The service also provides new technologies making it easier for individuals to take their own tests for sexually transmitted infections, these tests can be ordered online or collected from a vending machine. Tests are then posted to a laboratory for analysis and the results are given to the individual via a text message or a phone call. Vending machines allow access to free self-testing kits for sexually transmitted infections, condoms and pregnancy tests, where people are not required to see a doctor or nurse.

Online or vending machine services will require some personal information to be entered to confirm that this is the right service for the individual and to ensure there are no health needs that mean that they need to see a doctor or nurse.

**Community Based Services** are commissioned individually by each authority and provide contraceptive services in communities. This may be delivered by either your GP or a local pharmacy.

Both the Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) and Community Based Services (CBS) contracts end on 31 March 2024.

As a result, Leicestershire and Rutland need to set up new contracts for these services.

## Why we are consulting

New contracts will provide an opportunity for us to make some changes, and to ensure our services meet the needs of the people who use them. We would like your views on what the sexual health services should offer and how they might work. In addition, we want to highlight planned changes to the sexual health services available in Leicestershire and Rutland.

We also need to understand how people might be affected by any proposed changes.

In summary, the proposed changes are:

- Changing the way the services are contracted - the plans are that Leicestershire and Rutland will work together due to their similar geographical make-up and similar needs of their populations, which differ from that of Leicester City.
- Retaining the 'hub and spoke' model of sexual health clinic provision, which would be delivered from suitable premises and based on need.
- Expanding the accessibility of chlamydia screening services
- Increasing dedicated long acting reversible contraception (LARC) (coil/implants) provision within community settings
- Expand emergency hormonal contraception (EHC) provision locally.

The following services will continue to be available

- Condom distribution service for under 25s
- Availability of online sexual health services
- Vending machines in easy-to-access venues with condoms, STI testing kits and pregnancy testing kits available
- Providing professional advice over the telephone to help you manage your sexual health better
- Increasing the availability of advice and information that is on the sexual health services website

**There will still be an open access sexual health service in Leicester City Hub, which will be contracted by Leicester City Council.**

## Who should fill in the questionnaire?

We would like residents, users of (or if you've tried to access) our services, staff who provide sexual health services and partner organisations to complete this consultation. Your views are important to us and will help to shape future services. We will ask questions related to our proposed changes and also about the current service if you have used it in the past.

We ask that you try to complete the online version of the questionnaire if you can. However, we understand that this is not always possible, so a paper copy and easy read version is available on request.

The online version of this consultation is available at [leicestershire.gov.uk/sexual-health-consultation](https://leicestershire.gov.uk/sexual-health-consultation) and covers sexual health services in the areas of Leicestershire County Council and Rutland County Council.

## Further information

This consultation is about sexual health services. This includes prevention, testing and treatment for sexually transmitted infections and it includes contraceptive services. These services can be used by people no matter where they live.

It does not include the HIV treatment and care services that are provided by University Hospitals of Leicester.

Responses will be confidential and findings shared will not contain any personal identifiable data.

If you have any questions or queries on this consultation, please email [phconsultations@leics.gov.uk](mailto:phconsultations@leics.gov.uk).

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