

Resident Impact Assessment

Young People's Sexual Health Services

Public Health

Camden and Islington Public Health are procuring a sexual health service for young people. The current contracts are due to come to an end on 31 March 2022 and we are now reviewing its performance with the support of Camden and Islington residents in order to design a new service specification.

These services will provide clinical and outreach sexual health services for young people under 25 however this age is under review and will be consulted on as part of the procurement process.

Services included in this contract are;

- Sexual health clinics
- Sexual health clinical outreach
- Workforce development
- Targeted and one-to-one support
- Relationship and sex education
- Delivery of C-card (condom distribution)

The provision of C-card is also under review and will be consulted on as part of the procurement process.

2. Resident Profile

Who is going to be impacted by this change i.e. residents/service users/tenants? Please complete data for your service users. If your data does not fit into the categories in this table, please copy and paste your own table in the space below. Please refer to **section 3.3** of the guidance for more information.

		Borough profile	Service User profile
		Total: 206,285	Total: 9987
Gender	Female	51%	84%
	Male	49%	16%
Age	Under 16	32,825	3.7%
	16-24	29,418	96%
	25-44	87,177	0.5%
	45-64	38,669	N/a
	65+	18,036	N/a
Disability	Disabled	16%	0.7%

	Non-disabled	84%	83%
Sexual orientation	LGBT	No data	6.4%
	Heterosexual/straight	No data	73.5%
Race	BME	52%	30%
	White	48%	46%
Religion or belief	Christian	40%	Not collected
	Muslim	10%	Not collected
	Other	4.5%	Not collected
	No religion	30%	Not collected
	Religion not stated	17%	Not collected

3. Equality impacts

With reference to the [guidance](#), please describe what are the equality and socio-economic impacts for residents and what are the opportunities to challenge prejudice or promote understanding?

Is the change likely to be discriminatory in any way for people with any of the protected characteristics?

The potential lowering of the age limit for young people from under 25, to 21 and under will have an impact on 22-24 year olds accessing the service. We are considering lowering the age due to the high demand for the service. Covid has highlighted stress points on the service which have previously been managed however are not ideal for prioritisation for under 18s, those needing emergency hormonal contraception or those who have been exposed to HIV. This may also indirectly affect young people with a disability, pregnant young people, young people who are lesbian, gay, bi-sexual, transgender, non-binary and gender fluid. Lowering the age limit will be done only in consultation with service users and alternative arrangements are already available for their sexual health needs through our commissioned adults service with Central and North West London NHS Trust.

Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics? Are there any opportunities for advancing equality of opportunity for people with protected characteristics?

Potential negative impacts have been highlighted above however whilst this is being considered, we are also using the procurement as an opportunity to support more under-represented young people in clinics. We are currently doing this through an 'Inclusivity Outreach Project' and dependant on the outcome, we will consider this role or similar within the new specification. Regardless of whether this role continues, there will be a responsibility for all providers to ensure they are working in partnership with agencies who are working with under-represented groups and supporting them into clinics. There is also a role for providers to be more inclusive in terms of their language and terminology on their forms.

Is the proposal likely to have a negative impact on good relations between communities with protected characteristics and the rest of the population in Islington? Are there any opportunities for fostering good relations?

This proposal will not have negative impact on good relations between communities with a protected characteristic. Presently and thinking to the future, providers will build stronger partnerships with services who support young people who are disabled, LGBT, male and BAME.

Is the proposal a strategic decision where inequalities associated with socio-economic disadvantage can be reduced?

Yes, we can reduce health inequalities for looked after children and care experienced young people with the work we are doing with the Children's Active Involvement Service, Foster Care, LAC, Leaving Care and supported accommodation leads.

4. Safeguarding and Human Rights impacts

a) Safeguarding risks and Human Rights breaches

Please describe any safeguarding risks for children or vulnerable adults AND any potential human rights breaches that may occur as a result of the proposal? Please refer to **section 4.8** of the [guidance](#) for more information.

There are no risks identified.

If potential safeguarding and human rights risks are identified then please contact equalities@islington.gov.uk to discuss further:

5. Action

How will you respond to the impacts that you have identified in sections 3 and 4, or address any gaps in data or information?

For more information on identifying actions that will limit the negative impact of the policy for protected groups see the [guidance](#).

Action	Responsible person or team	Deadline
Consultation with service users in regards to lowering the age limit and its impact.	Natalie Blenman	April 2021
Consultation with service users in regards to changes in how the C-card scheme operates	Natalie Blenman	April 2021

Please send the completed RIA to equalites@islington.gov.uk and also make it publicly available online along with the relevant policy or service change.

This Resident Impact Assessment has been completed in accordance with the guidance and using appropriate evidence.

Staff member completing this form:

Signed: Natalie Blenman

Date: 20/01/2021

Head of Service or higher:

Signed: Emma Stubbs

Date: 22/01/2021