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Leeds City Council has procured a new Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) for Leeds. This will be a new service and will include bringing together HIV testing, STI screening and treatment with contraception services and building preventative support into one appointment for service users. The new service will be provided by a consortium of Leeds Community Healthcare, Leeds Teaching Hospitals Trust and Yorkshire MESMAC. The mobilisation of the service is underway. This paper is to inform all partners about progress.

The new ISHS will start on the 1st July. **The key benefits of the new service will be**

- One appointment for female service users to have both contraception and sexual health needs met.
- Longer clinics with improved evening and weekend provision.
- A new website which will support; on-line booking for appointments; self-triage to get people into the most appropriate service to meet their needs; a new on-line clinic for young people to seek advice and support via instant messaging.
- On-line sexually transmitted testing options for people.
- A new advice and guidance service for local GPs and pharmacists seeking support to manage their patients.
- New outreach clinics to support people most vulnerable to poorer sexual health.

Key progress and changes to clinics

- The new city centre clinic will be the main 'hub' of the service. This will be based on the first floor in the Merrion Shopping centre. The site is undergoing building work. Young people are being recruited to help design the clinic environment. This site will be open in October 2015. This clinic will be open 6 days a week.
- From 1st July, the existing sexual health clinic held in the Sunnybank Wing (Calverley Street) in the LGI, will open extended hours to provide a fully integrated service. Clinics will be on a walk in basis.
- From 1st July, the city centre contraception clinic for young people (City-wise on Eastgate) will remain open six afternoons a week to provide contraception services but not a full integrated service. These clinics will continue to support young people to access services while the Merrion site is being developed. These are additional clinics to maintain service access for young people.
- Both the Sunnybank Wing and the City-wise clinic will close in October when the new Merrion site is open.
- Communication with service users about this is underway.
- There will be one website for all sexual health services in place from the 1st July. The existing www.leedssexualhealth.com website will be used. This website is well used with 100,000 hits yearly. This well used site will be built upon to communicate changes and support service access in the future.

- There will be three clinics in community locations and these will be open from the 1st July and will offer a full ISHS. These clinics will be run from existing contraception clinics (CaSH clinics). The contraception clinic held at East Leeds Health Centre will close in June. The new ISHS clinics will be open three days each week and provide some evening and weekend provision. These clinics will be in
 - Burmantofts Health Centre & the Reginald Centre
 - Armley Health Centre
 - James Reed House, Beeston

A full communication plan to promote the new service, opening times, the website and phone number will commence in mid-June. Existing service users are being informed about the changes when accessing clinics.

Questions about this briefing note?

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