



Our sexual and reproductive health services

What do you think?



Sexual and reproductive health services help people to stay safe and healthy when they have sex.



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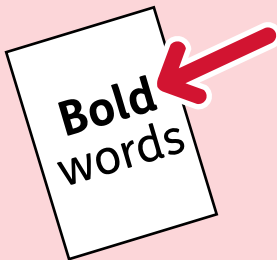
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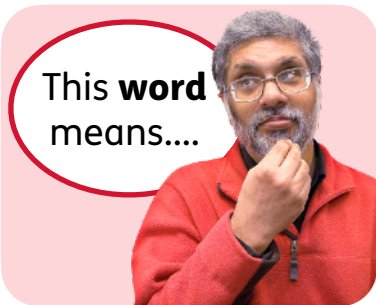
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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About this survey



Local councils in your area provide services to help people stay safe and healthy when they have sex.

These are called **sexual and reproductive health services**.



Different organisations in our area work together to provide these services.



In the future, a new organisation or organisations will provide these services.



These plans explain what we think these services should be like.



Please answer the questions to tell us what you think about our plans.

Working together

In our area, these local councils work together to provide these services:



- Bristol City Council.
- North Somerset Council.
- South Gloucestershire Council.

We also work with:



- Bath and North East Somerset Council.
- The local NHS, called Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire Integrated Care Board.



We want a new organisation to provide our services from April 2025.

Sexual and reproductive health services

Our sexual and reproductive health services include:



- Giving people **contraception** - these are things people can use, so they can have sex without having a baby.

Contraception includes **condoms** and **the pill**.



- Testing for **STIs** - these are illnesses that people can catch by having sex.



- Caring for people who have an **abortion** - this is ending a pregnancy before a baby can be born.

Our sexual and reproductive health services also include:



- Giving help and support to young people to help them to stay safe and healthy when they have sex.



- Speaking up about how to stay safe and healthy when you have sex.



- Helping people to stay safe from **HIV** - this is a type of STI that can be very serious.

What we need to work on

In 2022, we looked at what was most important for our services to work on. We found out that:



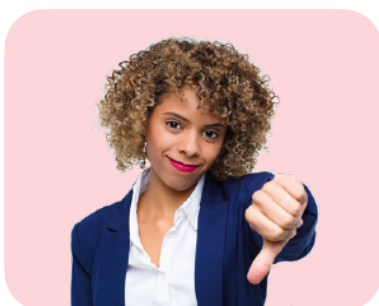
- More people are getting tests that say they have STIs than they used to.



- Not enough young women are getting tests for an illness called **chlamydia**.



- Illnesses called **gonorrhoea** and **syphilis** are most common in men who have sex with other men.



- Black people in Bristol are not getting as many tests that say they have an STI as we expected, based on the number of Black people living in Bristol.

We also found out that:



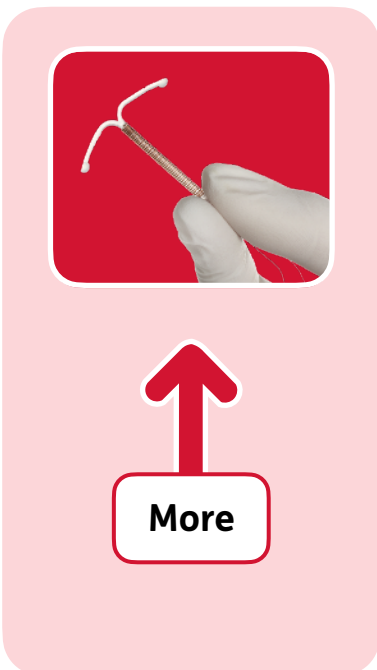
- Not as many people in North Somerset are getting tests for HIV as they used to.



- Not enough women across our whole area are getting tests for HIV.



- A lot fewer people have HIV than they used to.



- More people are getting **LARC** than they used to.

LARC stands for Long-Acting Reversible Contraceptive. It is something that doctors put in your body that can stop you from getting pregnant.

LARCs include **implants** and **coils**.

We also found out that:



- It is easier to get the coil in some places than in others.



- Not as many young people are using condoms as they used to.



- Not many teenagers are getting pregnant, but this number is getting bigger.



- Young people do not know about sexual health services.

We also found out that:



- There may be more people having abortions than there used to be.



- It is difficult to get extra help for serious problems.

What we are going to do

To improve sexual health and reproductive services, we want to:



- Help more people to know about what we do.



- Help more people use our services, including online.



- Do more to stop people from getting ill after having sex.



- Help people who find it difficult to use our services.

To improve sexual health and reproductive services, we also want to:



- Make sure all parts of our service work together.



- Help different groups in ways that are right for them, their backgrounds or beliefs.



- Listen to people more, so that local people can help to make our services better.



We think you should...

- Get better at giving tests to people who are in danger of having an STI.

What we want to achieve

We have 5 main things we want to achieve. We want:



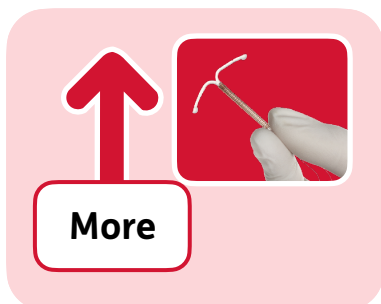
- Not as many people aged under 18 to get pregnant.



- To get better at spotting an illness called **chlamydia**.



- Less people to catch STIs.



- To give more LARCs to women and girls aged between 15 and 44.



- Less people to get serious HIV.

What do you think?



Please answer these questions about our plans.



Question 1: Which local council area do you live in?

If you are not sure, you can use this website to check:

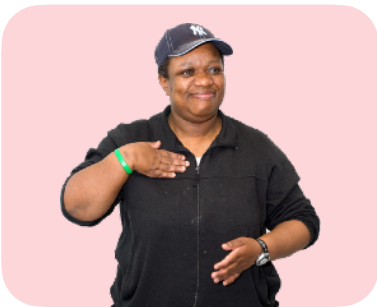
www.gov.uk/find-local-council

- Bristol
- North Somerset
- South Gloucestershire



Question 1: If you are answering for an organisation or a group, please tell

us its name:



If you are just answering for yourself,
you do not need to answer this
question.

Our vision



Our **vision** is what we want our services to be like in the future.

Our vision is for services to:



- Help people to have sex safely, so that they do not become ill.



- Include everyone.



- Make it easy and fair for everyone to get help.

Our services will:



- Support people to make choices about their health.



- Listen to local people about what they want from sexual and reproductive health services.



Question 2: How much do you agree or disagree with our vision?

Agree a lot



Agree



I do not know



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Is there anything you would like to tell us about our vision?

Getting help online



We want to help people to use our services.



This includes getting help and advice online.

This might include:



- Sending people tests so they can check if they have an STI.



- Booking an appointment.



Question 3: How much do you agree or disagree with us giving help and advice online?

Agree a lot



Agree



I do not know



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Is there anything else you would like to tell us about helping people online?

Clinics



Clinics are places where people can come to get help from our staff.



We want to provide local clinics where anyone can come to get help.



They will help people who cannot get help online.



People will be able to get help with or without an appointment.



Question 4: How much do you agree or disagree with our plans for clinics?

Agree a lot



Agree



I do not know



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Is there anything you would like to tell us about this?

Activities



Our new service will run different activities to help people to stay healthy and safe.

These will include:



- Speaking up about ways to stay healthy and safe when you have sex.



- Training people, to help them learn to stay safe and healthy when they have sex.



- Working with local communities to make sure they get the support they need to stay safe and healthy when they have sex.



Question 5: How much do you agree or disagree with our plans for activities?

Agree a lot



Agree



I do not know



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Is there anything you would like to tell us about this?



Question 6: Is there anything else you would like to tell us about our plans for our sexual health service?

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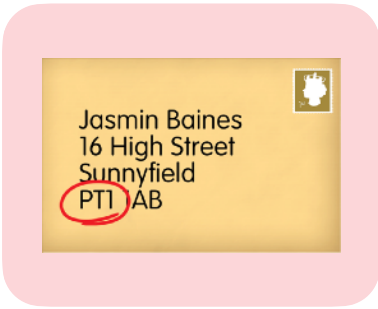
Questions about you



Please answer these questions about you to help us make sure we are hearing from different groups of people.



We will follow the law about keeping your information safe and private.



Question 7: What is your postcode?



Question 8: How old are you?

I do not want to say



Question 9: Are you disabled?

Yes

No

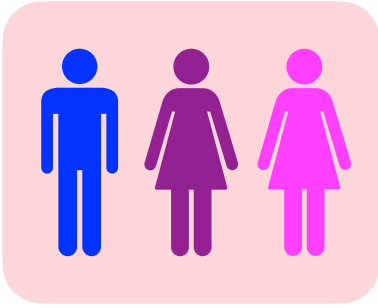
I do not want to say



Question 10: What is your **ethnic group**? *Only tick 1 box.*

Your **ethnic group** means your race, background or the country you or your family come from.

- Asian or Asian British
- Black, Black British, Caribbean or African
- Gypsy, Roma or Traveller
- More than 1 ethnic background
- White British
- Other White background
- I do not want to say
- Any other ethnic background - please say



Question 11: What is your religion?

No religion

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

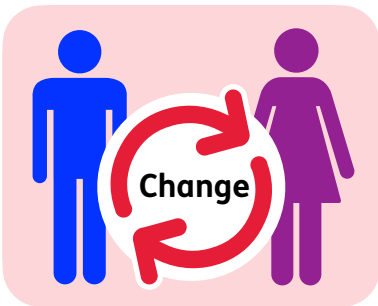
Muslim

Pagan

Sikh

I do not want to say

Any other religion - please say





Question 12: What is your sex?

- Female
- Male
- I do not want to say
- Other - please say

Question 13: Is your **gender** different to the one you were given when you were born?

Gender is whether you are a man, a woman or something else.

- Yes
- No
- I do not want to say

If you said 'Yes', please tell us the word you use for your gender:



Question 14: Are you...

- Bisexual - you are attracted to both men and women
- Gay or lesbian - you are attracted to people who are the same gender as you
- Heterosexual or straight - you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender to you
- I do not want to say
- Other - please say





Question 15: Are you pregnant or do you have a new baby?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

Question 16: Are you a carer?

Yes

No

I do not want to say

Question 17: Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

A **refugee or asylum seeker** is someone who has left their own country and asks to live in a new country.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 18: Do you think you will be affected by the options in this booklet because of who you are? Like your sex or ethnicity.

I would be affected in a very bad way

I would be affected in a bad way

I would not be affected

I would be affected in a good way

I would be affected in a very good way





Take our surveys better

Question 19a: Do you agree or disagree that you have had enough information to answer the questions?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



I think...

Question 19b: Do you agree or disagree that having these questions has made it easy for you to say what you think?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 19c: Do you agree or disagree that this survey is **accessible** to you?

Accessible means it is easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



If you don't agree with any of the things we have done to make this survey better, please tell us why.

Thank you



Thank you for answering our questions.



Please give us your answers by Sunday 28 January 2024.

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