

FOI_0705_2022-23 – FOI Request Concerning – Sexual Health Services

Your Local Authority

1. Name of Local Authority

Hampshire County Council, Southampton City Council, Portsmouth City Council, Isle of Wight Council

Section 2 - Please respond to the following questions in section 2, for each level 3 sexual health service you commission in your local authority area. Please complete a separate word document for each service.

2.1. Name of clinic/service prescribing PrEP

Solent NHS Trust Sexual Health Service

2.2. In terms of assessing the eligibility for PrEP, which of the current methods does your service use to assess a patient's eligibility?

Telephone consultation with a member of staff
Face to face appointments

2.3. Is this service currently booking new appointments for PrEP initiation for eligible patients?

Yes

2.4. Does your service currently have an upper limit or cap on the total number of possible PrEP prescriptions/patients it can accept?

No

If you answered yes, please answer the below:

2.4.1. What is the current upper limit or cap on the number of PrEP prescriptions/patients?

N/A

2.5. How many people are currently enrolled in this service receiving PrEP?

Event Based	525
Daily	821
Grand Total	1346

2.6. How long is the average time from requesting a PrEP appointment to PrEP initiation?

We do not track this data. However, appointments are released daily and can be used for accessing PrEP. Where there are no contraindications or significant medical history, patients are able to receive and start PrEP on the same day. Where no appointments are available, patients are added to a task list and contacted within 2 working days and an appointment arranged.

2.7. Is there currently any waiting list for PrEP in your service?

No

If you answered yes, please answer the below:

2.7.1. What is the current average waiting list time for those waiting for PrEP?

N/A

2.7.2. How many people are currently on the waiting list?

N/A

2.8. Has COVID affected the number of PrEP appointments available?

The majority of our nursing and medical clinicians are trained to provide PrEP, so it can be accessed at most of our appointments. However, overall access to appointments has been impacted by reduced capacity due to COVID restrictions, sickness absence and isolation. We continue to work to optimise the number of appointments available to patients.

2.9. What length of PrEP prescription does the service currently offer for first prescription/initiation (tick all that apply)?

3-month prescription

2.10. What length of PrEP prescription does the service currently offer for repeat and follow up prescriptions (tick all that apply)?

3-month prescription

6-month prescription

2.11. Please share any data you have about the population prescribed PrEP in this service, broken down by key population groups, specifically, gender, age, sexual orientation and ethnicity?

Gender:

Female (including trans woman)	28
Male (including trans man)	1270
Non-binary	10
Not Known	36
Other	2

Grand Total	1346
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Sexuality:

Bisexual	170
Gay	1074
Heterosexual	39
Not asked	5
Unknown	48
Opted Out	3
Pansexual	1
Patient asked does not know is not sure	2
Patient declined to answer	4
Grand Total	1346

Ethnicity:

Asian or Asian British - Bangladeshi	1
Asian or Asian British - Indian	15
Asian or Asian British - Other	30
Asian or Asian British - Pakistani	2
Black or Black British - African	11
Black or Black British - Caribbean	4
Black or Black British - Other	4
Mixed - Other	10
Mixed - White and Asian	7
Mixed - White and Black African	2
Mixed - White and Black Caribbean	7
Not stated	7
Unknown	62
Opted Out	3
Other Ethnic Groups - Chinese	12
Other Ethnic Groups - Other	18
White - British	1042
White - Irish	9
White - Other	100
Grand Total	1346

Age:

<20	66
21-25	228
26-30	274
31-35	209
36-40	162
41-45	96
46-50	95
51-55	93
56-60	63



61-65	39
66-70	13
71-75	6
>75	2
Grand Total	1346

2.12. Do you have any plans for targeted outreach to communities currently under-represented in PrEP prescribing in your service?

Yes.

If you answered yes, please answer the questions below:

2.12.1. Are these plans currently funded?

Yes

2.12.2. Please share any further details of your plans if possible.

Work is underway with the Trust Diversity and Inclusion team on design of resources targeted at Black African and other minority ethnic communities with higher HIV prevalence. Our Sexual Health Promotion teamwork one to one with clients at higher risk of HIV acquisition and discuss PrEP among other risk reduction strategies. Work is underway to re-establish community relationships impacted by the pandemic. PrEP is included in education and outreach resources.

If you answered no to questions 2.12, please answer the question below:

2.12.3. Are there any barriers or reasons why this work is not able to take place? (please specify)

N/A

2.13. Are there any PrEP service changes planned or envisaged in the next 6 months?

Yes – as part of our continuing digital innovation, we plan to introduce secure online tools for patients to complete their own sexual history and risk assessment, which will include signposting for PrEP where appropriate.

2.14. Do you have the resources or tools you need to ensure everyone who is eligible for PrEP or might benefit from it is identified and able to access PrEP?

Yes. All patients are assessed for PrEP eligibility and if appropriate are able to start PrEP on the same day.

If you answer no, please answer the below question:

2.14.1. What additional resources does your clinic require to increase the identification of eligible patients and uptake of PrEP?

N/A