

Further Information

Background

When Primary Care Trusts were dissolved on the 1st April 2013, the responsibility for local commissioning of Public Health Locally Enhanced Services (LES) provided by General Practitioners and Pharmacies moved to Derby City Council. The list of service contracts affected by this are provided below and further information can be found in 'Summary of Proposed Changes'.

Pharmacy Chlamydia Services	GP Level 2 STI Service for Students
Pharmacy Oral Emergency Contraception	GP Contraceptive Implant Service
Pharmacy Needle Exchange	GP IUCD Service
Pharmacy Nicotine Replacement Therapy	GP Smoking Cessation services
Pharmacy Smoking Cessation	GP Health Checks
Pharmacy Supervised Drug Consumption	

The existing LES contracts continued for the financial year 2013/14 but local authorities are not able to issue future LES contracts. This means that Derby City Council is now required to develop new contracts in relation to these services (more detail about these services can be found in 'Summary of Proposed Changes').

Existing service providers have received notification that the current LES contracts will end on 31st March 2014. Future services commissioned by Derby City Council will begin on 1st April 2014.

Why are we proposing changes to these services?

Like many other public sector organisations faced with increased financial pressures, Derby City Council will need to consider new and innovative ways of providing these services in order to meet the economic challenges ahead.

Following a period of stakeholder consultation, Derby City Council wish to propose some changes to the way in which these local services are delivered to ensure that they meet the city's needs and continue to provide the highest quality services within the funding available.

Please see the 'Summary of Proposed Changes' for more detailed information

Supervised drug consumption and needle exchange services		
Name of Current LES	Current Service Provided	Proposed Changes
<i>Pharmacy Supervised Drug Consumption</i>	<i>Pharmacies currently provide a service for supervised Methadone and Buprenorphine consumption.</i>	<i>The local contracting and management of supervised consumption to be transferred to Derbyshire Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust who are currently commissioned to provide the drug treatment prescribing service. This approach is not anticipated to impact on cost nor volumes but is intended to align finances, governance and quality within a single organisation opposed to current arrangements where this is fractured across multiple organisations.</i>
<i>Pharmacy Needle Exchange</i>	<i>Pharmacies currently provide needle exchange services for steroid and IV drug users.</i>	<i>Pharmacies can continue to provide needle exchange services by being part of an approved provider list. This will include improved process and saving efficiencies.</i>