

## **Project summary**

# **London Sexual Health Service Mapping & Needs Assessment**

**managed by**

**Medical Foundation for AIDS & Sexual Health (MedFASH)**

### **Introduction**

MedFASH (Medical Foundation for AIDS & Sexual Health) is managing the first service mapping and needs assessment of sexual health across London. The project is commissioned by the London Sexual Health Programme and jointly funded by the DH National Support Team for Sexual Health and the DH Sexual Health Policy Team.

### **Background**

London has the highest rates of sexual ill-health in the UK. Sexual Health services are complex across the city and show varying performance against current indicators. The London Sexual Health Programme identified the need for more information on sexual health services currently commissioned and provided across London. This is vital to support PCTs to identify gaps and develop world class commissioning to meet the sexual health needs of their population. The DH endorsed their support for this work and the DH Sexual Health Policy Team wishes to pilot the NST “How to Guide” to Sexual Health Needs Assessment and use learning from London to support its use nationally.

### **Project objectives**

1. To undertake a comprehensive mapping of sexual health services commissioned by each PCT across London (and those directly commissioned by the DH). This will include GUM, contraception, integrated sexual health, abortion and outreach services, plus to a limited extent sexual health promotion, provided by a range of NHS and non-NHS organisations in different settings.
2. To carry out a data-driven needs assessment using recommendations for data analysis in the NST ‘*How to Guide*’.
3. To produce a report on findings of (1) and (2), offering a pan-London analysis, but enabling data to be disaggregated by PCT, clinical network and provider.
4. To share learning outcomes through a report for national dissemination.

### **Project outcomes**

1. An overview to support the NHS in London and DH in strategic decision making.

2. An evidence base which will enable PCTs to identify gaps in service provision and priorities for further in-depth needs assessment at local level.
3. An evidence base which will enable effective use of resources to support the access agenda.
4. A basis upon which to develop a Pan-London commissioning framework for Sexual Health.
5. A national case study on implementing the '*How to Guide*' to Sexual Health Needs Assessment and lessons learned.

## **Project management**

The Project will comprise four core elements:

- Scoping and project development
- Service mapping
- Needs assessment
- Reporting

MedFASH will manage all elements of the project under the direction of Ruth Lowbury (Executive Director). The data-driven needs assessment will be sub-contracted to an expert provider and the service mapping will be undertaken by Claire Tyler (Independent Consultant). A small Advisory Group, chaired by Dr Andrew Howe and including representatives from commissioning, clinical services and public health, will oversee the project and advise on its direction. Project support will be provided by Magnus Nelson (MedFASH).

Hong Tan, London Sexual Health Programme Director, will be responsible for ensuring the provision by PCTs of information in accordance with frameworks and timelines agreed by the Advisory Group, informing other London stakeholders about the project and encouraging their co-operation as needed.

Project progress will be reported to a number of key stakeholders including the London Sexual Health Commissioning Board, the London Sexual Health Programme Director, NHS London and the DH.

## **Timeline**

Project timelines and key milestones are identified below.

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| 1. Framework for service mapping agreed and piloted        | Mar/ Apr 08 |
| 2. Specification for data analysis agreed and commissioned | Apr 08      |
| 3. Service mapping / needs assessment undertaken           | Apr–Jul 08  |
| 4. Final report produced for London                        | Sept 08     |
| 5. Report produced for national learning                   | Sept/Oct 08 |

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