

Warrington Centre for Sexual Health WCSH

Local Enhanced Service LES 2015-19

NOTE: This LES is only for asymptomatic persons and does not cover testing and treatment of symptomatic persons

Introduction

The purpose of the agreement is to outline the enhanced service for Chlamydia screening to be provided by community pharmacies, which is beyond the scope of essential and additional service that pharmacies are expected to provide. The LES will be supported by Bridgewater until April 2019

Background

Chlamydia is the most common Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) in the UK; affecting both men and women. Most people with chlamydia have no symptoms, but if left untreated it can lead, in women, to infertility, ectopic pregnancy or chronic pelvic pain. Prevalence is highest in sexually active young men and women under 25.

The annual cost of chlamydia and its consequences in the United Kingdom is estimated to be more than £100 million. There is growing evidence that active case finding for genital chlamydial infection, through targeted screening of at-risk populations, can significantly reduce the morbidity associated with this infection and its sequelae.

The National Chlamydia Screening Programme (NCSP) in England is an opportunistic screening programme for genital chlamydial infection, targeting asymptomatic women and men under 25 years of age, who have ever been sexually active, attending a range of health care and non-health care settings. The national chlamydia target for 2015/16 is for a positivity rate of 2.5% as we know the prevalence is approx. 8% of the local population.

Local co-ordination of the screening programme and treatment support is provided by Warrington's Sexual Health Service, under Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust. This service ideally is placed to offer opportunistic screening to patients and this enhanced service is being developed to support the delivery of the chlamydia screening programme in Warrington.

This service must be provided in a way that ensures it is equitable in respect of race, creed, Culture, diversity, disability, and age

Service aims

To screen all sexually active men and women aged 15 to 24 inclusive for Chlamydia infection by –

- Offering screening to sexually active young men and women who do not currently access sexual health services
- Increasing screening of asymptomatic patients consulting for unrelated conditions
- Increasing acceptability of testing for Chlamydia in an appropriate setting for their needs
- De-stigmatising Chlamydia infections and raising awareness of safer sex practices

- Reducing the burden on secondary care services by diagnosing Chlamydia in the community setting
- Increasing early detection and treatment of Chlamydia and therefore reducing transmission and complications associated with this infection
- Allow appropriate treatment of positive cases through the WCSH team or in line with patient choice in pharmacies
- Ensure there is a named contact for the programme to ensure appropriate support training and information from WCSH

Criteria

Responsibilities of the service provider

- Display appropriate provision of patient leaflets, posters and WCSH clinic information in the waiting areas
- Follow Bridgewater safeguarding protocols and ensure all staff have undergone the necessary training
- Order and maintain appropriate supplies via WCSH contact and store in the appropriate way
- Pharmacies will offer routine screening to 15 to 24 year olds, following guidance from the chlamydia screening programme
- WCSH will support screening via Sophie Mather, Sexual Health Outreach Worker Sophie.Mather@Bridgewater.nhs.uk as your direct contact.
- Your service will identify appropriate individuals and provide self-taken screening kits; any necessary paperwork will be provided by Sophie Mather and members of the WCSH team.
- Use self-taken vulval swab (females) or urine sample (males) according to current BASHH Guidelines. Samples should ideally be performed on the premises so participating services must have access to toilet facilities either on the premises or very close by.
- Completed screening kits will be accompanied by WCSH paperwork prior to organising collection via Sophie.Mather@Bridgewater.nhs.uk
- Results will be managed by WCSH who will directly contact patients and deal with all notification, follow-up, contacts and treatments. and referral if necessary
- Provision of treatment within the pharmacy can take place, in line with patient choice and appropriate prescribing qualifications.
- WCSH will manage training needs
- Providers will receive monthly activity reports from Warrington Sexual Health Service
- This LES will run until 31st March 2019, and will be reviewed prior to expiry.

Clinical Governance

The standards of the service delivered by the provider will be in line with contractual agreement as set out in essential service number 8 of the community pharmacy contract.

Accreditation / Qualifications

Practices/pharmacies can be accredited for this LES if they participate in the Warrington Chlamydia screening programme. Contact details are shown below:

Chlamydia Screening Programme
 Warrington Centre for Sexual Health
 Bath Street Health and Well Being Centre
 Leigh Street
 Warrington
 Tel: 01925 644202

Providers must have access to toilet facilities on the premises or very close by.
Providers must have a consulting room.
Providers must have sample storage facilities (refrigeration is not necessary).

Recommendations for the service provider

- Register and achieve the Bridgewater young people's friendly kite mark in order to encourage young people to access services, in line with the department of health "your welcome quality criteria"
- Support staff in developing competencies and skills in dealing with young people around sexual health e.g. delay training – supporting young people to delay early sex

Responsibilities of Bridgewater WCSH

WCSH agrees to support pharmacies by providing free training required to enable them to deliver the enhanced service

Payment for Service

This agreement will cover only those pharmacies contracted to provide services under this LES and that have a named clinical representative that has attended Chlamydia screening training. will be able to claim the following fees: -

Practices will be paid a fee of £7:50 for each valid completed test recorded monthly by the Bridgewater WCSH reporting system

All payments will be made on a quarterly basis.
Payment will only be made where the required patient information is provided in full.

Breach of contract

Bridgewater will only invoke the termination clause once all reasonable efforts have been made to resolve disputes locally. The agreement may be terminated by the pharmacy or Bridgewater, by giving three months' notice of their intention to withdraw from the scheme subject to the provision of above paragraph

Bridgewater may terminate the agreement where there is evidence of failure to comply with the agreement. Normally the notice period will be three months, however in exceptional circumstances Bridgewater reserves the right to give no notice, but will consult with the community pharmacy contracts manager and the pharmacy concerned. Any overpayment arising from termination of agreement will be recovered.

Equality

This service must be provided in a way that ensures it is equitable in respect of race, creed, culture, diversity, disability etc.

Good Practice

Bridgewater will provide training, support for all practices offering chlamydia screening will be given by Warrington Sexual Health Team.

Recommended read codes for the recording of activity within the practices clinical system will be supplied at the point of training

A mail-out to patients within the screening population would provide an opportunity to reach patients who have infrequent contact with the practice

Practices undertaking this service may be subject to a review, which would include an audit of:

- (a) Percentage of 15-24 year olds offered Chlamydia screening
- (b) Percentage of 15-24 year olds screened for Chlamydia infection

Application for Locally Enhanced Scheme:

Pharmacy declaration:

The pharmacy has understood the terms of the scheme and is seeking to provide a service on this basis. If commissioned the pharmacy will adhere to the terms of the scheme and provide the monitoring/audit information within the timeframe given above.

N.B This form must be completed in full for your application to be accepted and will be used as part of the monitoring information for the scheme.

Breach

Breach of conditions of this contract will result in non-payment and termination of the contract with immediate effect.

Name of Pharmacy

Pharmacy Name (Print).....Date.....

Pharmacy Signature.....

Signed on behalf of Bridgewater Community Healthcare NHS Trust

..... Date.....

Once applications are received and training has been delivered your pharmacy will be set up on Pharmoutcomes. You will be required to input client details in order for payment to be released to you via Pharmoutcomes . Please be aware that screens from 15 to 24 years old ONLY will receive a payment.

You are welcome and encouraged to deliver screening to any age with or with the payment.

Acceptance of locally enhanced service for the provision of Chlamydia screening

Pharmacy name

We wish to participate in the Chlamydia screening LES, and agree to the terms within it

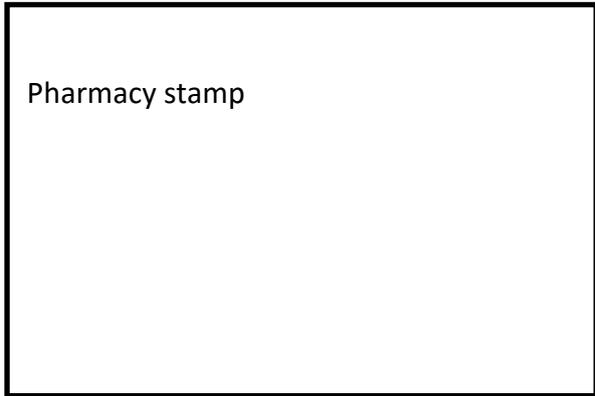
We agree to undertake the necessary training; and record and report upon the delivered activity in order to meet the requirements of the LES

Please provide contact details here for Chlamydia screening programme to contact you for training and the supply of screening forms

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Signed

Pharmacy manager Tel.....



Please return to: Nicola Parks, Lead Nurse Prevention, Bath Street Health and Wellbeing Centre, Legh Street, Warrington, WA1 1UG