

Developing tariffs for integrated sexual health services

❖ Summary

The aim of the London Sexual Health Programme (LSHP) tariff programme is the development and implementation of an agreed set of currencies and tariff/s for integrated sexual health services to be paid by PCTs to providers of sexual health services.

Phase 1: Development of Pricing and Currency Proposals

The phase 1 development work has involved six pilot services working together across London to develop a robust set of currency & tariffs proposals for the following sexual health services:

1. Level 1 & 2 STI management services (STI)
2. Level 1, 2 & 3 Contraceptive services (SRH)
3. Integrated SH services: STI management/ Contraceptive services (STI/SRH)

The LSHP Steering Group/ Pilot Sites will put forward the proposed tariffs for shadow testing, initially, at a pan-London level and, subsequently, at a national level. This work has been conducted with reference to the Portsmouth Contraceptive tariff development work and the NCSP pricing review.

Phase 1 work focused in 2009 on community STI/SRH. In 2010 a number of London GUM services have entered the program by starting to develop phase 1 pricing proposals with a focus on complex STI pathways. It is anticipated that this will allow London GUM services to shadow pricing proposal along side or shortly after the London community services.

Phase 2: Validation and road test

This phase is currently underway (Apr/May 2010) and involves the pilot sites validating and road testing the affordability of the currencies that have been proposed.

Phase 3: Shadow

A wider range of services shadow the proposed currencies, collecting data as if the tariffs were 'real'. The shadow will start in June but there will be preparatory work for services to get ready for shadow.

Phase 4: Set up for implementation

This phase is due to start in September; this will be dependent on the outcome of the shadow period.

❖ What's happening now?

We are currently establishing the programme structure for phases 2 and 3. This means confirming workgroup membership and terms of reference, setting meeting dates and agreeing workplans.

❖ Want to get involved – here's how.

If you are not a pilot site then there are key ways you can be involved and contribute to the development process and we would very much welcome your contribution.

You can join an appropriate workstream – workgroups details and meeting dates are overleaf. Please let the workstream lead know you are interested in coming as some groups are structured to ensure all stakeholders are appropriately represented.

The programme conducts most of its detailed work through discussions, workshops and one to one meetings with pilot sites (clinicians, commissioners, provider management and finance). The

❖ **Want to keep up to-date or find out more?**

The LSHP website has a space for documents and briefings about the tariff development work at <http://www.londonsexualhealth.org>. Alternatively contact Simon Mercer simon.mercer@londonscg.nhs.uk