



HIV services for Surrey



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1 Introduction: What are Prescribed services?

NHS England commission prescribed services for the population of England. These services are described in national service specifications. NHS England contract with service providers that are compliant with the specifications.

NHS England came into existence in 2013. In preparation for this national financial and clinical work took place to identify which services would become prescribed and which would be commissioned by Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) and Local Authorities. Financial work took place to allocate budgets for these respective services to NHS England, CCGs and Local Authorities.

Prescribed services can be 'stand-alone' services or form part of a CCG or local authority clinical pathway. Services commissioned by NHS England are usually relatively high cost and low volume and are planned to cover a population of at least 1 million people however this is likely to rise to a 2-3 million footprint in the future as NHS England commissions fewer acute tertiary centres with higher volumes of specialised work to achieve sustainability and quality care for the future.

2 HIV Services

NHS England commissions acute in patient care for people with living with HIV. There are two national service specifications (Adults and Children respectively). HIV services for children are delivered at a small number of specialist paediatric centres. In most cases Children and Young People with HIV in Surrey are cared for by specialist providers in London.

Specialist drug regimes for people living with HIV are frequently changing and improving. NHS England is supported by Specialist Commissioning Pharmacy colleagues to advise and monitor drug developments. HIV drugs are funded by NHS England as 'pass through payments'.

In 2014 in recognition of Sexual Health service commissioning moving to local authorities NHS England asked that their local offices worked with local authorities to ensure Sexual Health and HIV pathways were seamless.

Public Health England published guidance for commissioners: Making it work: A guide to whole system commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV' September 2014.

Sexual Health/HIV service commissioning is one of the most successful examples of collaborative commissioning in the South of England.

3 Collaborative Commissioning

NHS England South and Surrey County Council have worked closely together to define HIV and Sexual Health services required for the Surrey population. NHS England Health and Justice have also taken part in this work to define services required for prisons in Surrey.

NHS England excluded acute in patient HIV services from the collaborative procurement exercise. This will remain with London providers as well as two Surrey acute NHS trusts.

The collaborative process has concentrated on outpatient services in the community to ensure that people living with HIV can access sexual health services that will also offer HIV advice and liaise with inpatient HIV care when necessary.

4 Mobilisation of the Sexual Health / HIV outpatient community service for Surrey.

Once the procurement process is completed and the successful provider identified NHS England and Surrey County Council will continue to work closely together through the mobilisation phase to ensure that pathways of care are smooth and seamless for all service users.

NHS England is liaising with acute in patient HIV providers in Surrey to ensure pathways of care are joined up for people with HIV. This also requires work with NHS England London as a number of Surrey residents living with HIV choose to access HIV services in London.

NHS England has identified HIV spend in Surrey and will commission directly from the successful provider of this new SH/HIV service for the HIV element of care.

HIV drugs will continue to be funded directly by NHS England South in line with national policy.

Although the successful provider will have a contract with NHS England and Surrey County Council respectively collaborative work will continue as it is anticipated that NHS England South and Surrey County Council will meet together with the provider to performance manage the new contract.

5 References

NHS England HIV Service specifications:

2013/14 NHS Standard Contract for specialised Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services (Adults)

2013/14 NHS Standard Contract for specialised Human Immunodeficiency Virus Services (Children)

Making it work: A guide to whole system commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV: PHE September 2014.

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