Discussion The CCP provided a strategic focus to increase understanding of screening at all stages of the pathway. It confirmed the need for an integrated screening approach across sexual health providers, primary care and broader health services who engage with young people. There was potential to achieve 'quick wins' by using the CCP to focus on each specific stage of the programme. 2017 data will be reviewed using the CCP to evaluate the impact of the plans which have been implemented.

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LONDON SEXUAL HEALTH TRANSFORMATION PROGRAMME

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Introduction The London Sexual Health Transformation Programme (LSHTP) is a partnership of 32 London Boroughs working to deliver a new collaborative commissioning model for open access sexual health services. The programme has facilitated cross London joint working to set up new services, agree new pricing mechanisms and ensure coordinated expert clinical specifications for all services, producing better outcomes for patients and better value for commissioners.

Methods To deliver this transformation the programme set up three distinct work streams: developing a new pan London eservices model for sexual health to better signpost patients to the right services and provide home testing kits where clinically justified; developing a new pricing mechanism that supports flexibility and planning; and supporting sub regional groups to re commission face to face services with a new agreed clinical specification to support overall system transformation objectives.

Results Transformed services; a new online offering, and a new London wide clinically agreed service specification. Improved resident access and experience. Patients will no longer need to attend a clinic if they don't wish to but will access expert advice, triage and testing in their home or safe space elsewhere. Saved approximately £30 – 40m through collaborative commissioning and patient channel shift away from expensive clinic attendance where it is not needed Built and maintained partnerships across London. It has been a major achievement to construct and sustain a collaborative of 32 London boroughs involved in this programme.

Discussion Is collaboration the way forward for effective commissioning?

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HAS THE ACCURACY OF SHHAPT CODING IMPROVED?

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Introduction An audit in 2013 suggested that only 69% of attendances and 64% of Sexual Health and HIV Activity Property Type (SHHAPT) codes were correctly assigned. SHHAPT coding supports the monitoring and reporting of STIs, facilitating robust assessment of service needs, enabling informed planning and better allocation of limited resources at all levels

to reduce the level of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). To achieve this coding requires accuracy and consistency and so the audit was repeated in 2016 to assess whether SHHAPT coding in this region had improved.

Methods Six new clinical scenarios were circulated to clinics in one UK region requesting that up to five individuals that regularly participate in completing the SHHAPT code assign an appointment type and the relevant SHHAPT code to each of them. The same scenarios were sent to Public Health England (PHE) and completed to provide the standard.

Results The percentage of correctly assigned attendances is 86% and SHHAPT codes are 75%, respectively.

Discussion Comparing the results from 2016 to 2013, recording of attendance type has improved to 86%, up by 17% and coding of the clinical scenarios to 78%, up by 14%.

Since 2013 new guidance and codes have been issued by PHE. To continue this improvement we suggest that at each regional meeting any new changes in the SHHAPT coding is highlighted and ask those clinicians attending to circulate to those within their department in a way that they belive to be most effective.

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AN AUDIT INTO THE OPTIMUM TIME FOR NEISSERIA GONORRHOEAE TEST OF CURE FOLLOWING TREATMENT IN SEXUAL HEALTH CENTRES

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Introduction Neisseria gonorrhoeae is the second most common bacterial sexually transmitted infection worldwide and has evolved resistance to several antibiotic classes. BASHH Guidelines 2011 currently recommend ceftriaxone 500mg IM plus azithromycin 1g stat as first line treatment and also recommend a test of cure (TOC) at 14 days. In our centre the time period between treatment and TOC was reduced to 14 days in July 2016. Anecdotal evidence suggests that this may be producing a higher false positive rate.

Methods Clinical notes for all positive gonorrhoea tests (pharyngeal, rectal, urethral, cervical) in a 3-month period were reviewed. Positive TOC were identified and reasons for these assessed (reinfection, treatment failure, false positive). Cycle threshold (CT) values were used to help identify false positives.

Results 7.5% of TOC results performed at 14 days were likely false positive (no risk of reinfection or treatment failure, high CT values), compared with 2.7% of TOC performed after 14 days. 8.3% of pharyngeal samples and 12.5% of urinary samples were false positive. There were no false positives found for rectal and vulvovaginal samples.

Discussion There is a significantly higher rate of false positives when a TOC is performed at 14 days and they are more prevalent in pharyngeal and urinary samples. This has a negative impact on both patient and health care provider time and can lead to unnecessary retreatment. Potential interventions could be to extend the TOC time period, include CT values for all TOC results or move to a less sensitive NAAT for TOC.