

Reference: FOI.ICB-2526/365

Subject: Commissioning of Contraception Services

I can confirm that the ICB does hold some of the information requested; please see responses below:

QUESTION	RESPONSE
<p>Please provide the following information in relation to the commissioning of contraception services within your Integrated Care Board area:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Current commissioning specifications or guidance governing the provision of contraception services, including long-acting reversible contraception (LARC), by sexual health clinics. 	<p>Local Authorities (LAs) are responsible for commissioning most sexual health interventions and services as part of their wider public health responsibilities including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • comprehensive SHSs including most contraceptive services and all prescribing costs • STI testing and treatment, chlamydia screening and HIV testing • specialist services, including young people’s sexual health, teenage pregnancy services, outreach, HIV prevention, sexual health promotion, services in schools, college and pharmacies • delivery of HIV pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) <p>We advise you to contact the LAs directly for more information, as follows:</p> <p>Bristol City Council - https://www.bristol.gov.uk/data-protection-foi/freedom-of-information-foi</p>

	<p>North Somerset Council - https://www.n-somerset.gov.uk/council-democracy/data-protection-freedom-information/freedom-information/about-freedom-information-foi</p> <p>South Gloucestershire Council - https://www.southglos.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/data-protection-and-freedom-of-information/making-a-freedom-of-information-request/</p> <p>NHS England are responsible for the commissioning of the Community Pharmacy Contraception Service. This includes the provision of oral contraception and oral emergency contraction. We advise you contact NHS England directly for information on these commissioning arrangements, via the following: https://www.england.nhs.uk/contact-us/foi/</p>
<p>2. Whether funding for contraception services is restricted to pregnancy prevention, or whether provision for non-contraceptive medical purposes (including management of dysmenorrhoea, menorrhagia, endometriosis or cycle regulation) is explicitly included.</p>	<p>The ICB transfers funds to the LAs for the payment of IUCDs which have been fitted for non-contraceptive purposes (e.g. alleviation of menorrhagia, iron deficiency, pelvic pain, especially around endometriosis, and endometrial hyperplasia).</p>
<p>3. Any guidance issued by the ICB to sexual health providers regarding eligibility for IUD/coil fitting where contraception is not required for pregnancy prevention.</p>	<p>Please refer to our Remedy page: LARC (Remedy BNSSG ICB)</p>
<p>4. Any differences in commissioning arrangements for contraception services between sexual health clinics, GP services and gynaecology services.</p>	<p>LAs are responsible for commissioning most sexual health interventions and services, this includes Sexual Health Clinics as part of their wider public health responsibilities. We advise you to contact the LAs directly, as above.</p> <p>Contraceptive services form part of the Essential Services described in the core GP contract.</p>

The information provided in this response is accurate as of 30 January 2026 and has been approved for release by David Jarrett, Chief Delivery Officer and Dr Joanne Medhurst, Chief Medical Officer for NHS Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire ICB.