

Freedom of Information Request

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Information Requested:

Contracts for remote or online sexual health testing

We are researching the use of online sexual health testing services.

These services allow citizens concerned that they may have a sexually transmitted infection to order a test kit to be sent to their home, and then to either self-test at home, or return a sample to the laboratory, receive a result usually via email or text message, and to obtain medicines and further advice if required.

Please answer the following questions in relation to online sexual health services.

1. Does the authority have a contract to provide sexual health services?
 - a. If yes, list which local authorities or other clients it currently has a contract with.
 - b. Does the authority sub-contract online sexual health testing services as part of any of the contracts in your response to 1a.

Essex Sexual Health services are delivered by Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust, Provide Group and East Suffolk and North Essex NHS Foundation Trust. Essex Partnership University NHS Foundation Trust deliver the services in South Essex only (not including Southend that is done by a separate provider). We are subcontracted by Provide for our delivery, they are the lead provider.

As a result of the information above, we can confirm that this information is held by Provide; if you would like to request this information directly from Provide, please contact them directly.

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2. In each of the financial periods 2021-22, 2022-23, April 2023 to December 2023
 - a. How much did the authority spend on online testing services?
 - b. How many citizens were tested using online services?
3. How much was spent (by the authority or predecessor organisations) in each period with each of the following providers for online sexual health services
 - a. Preventx
 - b. SH 24
 - c. TDL or their NHS joint venture, Health Service Laboratories
 - d. Viapath
 - e. Synlab or their joint venture, Synnovis
 - f. Lloyd's pharmacy
 - g. NHS Trusts/ their laboratory services
 - h. Other. Please name any provider where the spend in any year exceeded £100,000

4. When did the authority last issue a tender for these services?
5. When does the current contract expire?

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