

Sexual Health (Teenage pregnancy) Questionnaire for the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel Task and Finish group

The Children and Young People's Scrutiny Panel is currently looking at how current levels of teenage conceptions can be reduced. A Task and Finish Group has been set up chaired by Cllr Pauline Purnell. You have been identified by the group as someone who can help provide information to assist in the Groups work. Can you spend a few minutes to answer the questions below. The findings of this work will help support the development of the Sexual Health Strategy which is currently being developed by the Children's Trust.

1. What role does your service play in helping to reduce the number of teenage conceptions?

Information, Advice and Guidance Lessons for all students in Years 7 – 11. SRE lessons include delaying sexual relationships, SAI's, Condoms and Contraception, Peer pressure. We also have a 'Save Sex' theatre performance every year which is very good. We have a Health Hub in our LRC that provides free leaflets and information for students.

2. Who else do you or your service work with closely in this area? For example, colleagues in your own department or organisation or another agency.

School nurses, Sexpression, Matrix courses, Jono Meadley

3. From your experience what things have made the most difference and what lessons have you learnt from things that didn't work so well?

Being honest and open with the students. Having good teachers who are on their wave length. Working with outside agencies.

Preaching about how scary and bad sex is has the exact opposite effect.

4. The task and finish group has look at a lot of evidence and thinks that whilst there is a lot of good work going on it needs to be joined up in a better way. What ideas do have for making this happen?

I have had no information from this group so firstly I would say better communication!!!

5. Alongside your role in helping to reduce teenage conceptions what role does your service have in early identification of vulnerable children and young people.

We have a unit called R7 that supports these students. OFSTED have commented that the work done here is outstanding.

6. Is there any other comments you would like to provide the Children and Young People Scrutiny Panel with?

We need more information from you.