

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY PANEL



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How Chlamydia is highlighted in schools to encourage take-up of Chlamydia screening.

- The expectation on schools is to approach teaching and learning about Chlamydia and how to access Chlamydia screening services as part of the Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum and the key stage three programme of study for science (3.3c)
- Teaching and learning about Chlamydia is traditionally provided as part of a series of units of study which identify a wide range of sexually acquired infections and explores how, where and when to access local and national sexual health services.
- To assess the quality of school based relationships and sex education, schools have been asked to involve students in a consultation process. The *'Are we getting it right?'* consultation was launched in late February 2011 and asks young people what they think about the way Relationships and Sex Education is taught, and to complete a questionnaire which identifies what is taught and when. The data collection process is not yet complete. A full analysis and report will be published at the end of June 2011.
- Early proxy data from 315 pupil questionnaires, received from four schools indicate that the majority learn about Sexually Acquired Infections and how to access sexual health services in year 10 (age 14-15) a more comprehensive break down of the analysis will be available in the published report. The limitations of this research are such that at this stage it can only indicate but not accurately determine how Chlamydia is highlighted in schools to encourage take-up of Chlamydia screening. More specific research can be conducted.
- The Plymouth Chlamydia screening office reveals that they have sent resources into Plymouth schools which inform about Chlamydia and Chlamydia screening and have visited All Saints Academy to talk to the sixth form students about Chlamydia screening, C Card and sexual health services.
- We have recommended that this is broadened to include Y9-11 students in schools.
- Members should note that access to this information service is at the discretion of schools themselves and there is no statutory imperative applying to schools in this respect.
- Peninsular Medical students who are trained in Chlamydia screening visit Plymouth schools to talk about sexual health and Chlamydia screening. Data has been requested but not yet received at this time.

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