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Tools and resources

This appendix provides a list of key resources for commissioners and providers to assist with service planning. It does not include public and patient facing resources.

Sexual health guidance

The following resources provide guidance to inform planning and evaluation of sexual health services in England:

- [Variation in outcomes in sexual and reproductive health in England: toolkit](#) explores inequalities at a local level (Public Health England (PHE))
- [Sexual health, reproductive health, and HIV services: evaluation resources](#) (PHE)
- [Sexual and reproductive health: return on investment tool](#) (PHE)
- [What good sexual health, reproductive health and HIV provision looks like](#) (Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) and PHE)
- [Self-assessment tool: local HIV, reproductive health and sexual health service provision](#) (English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group (EHSHCG), ADPH)

Infection-specific information and guidance

The following resources provide advice and guidance on specific sexually transmitted infections (STIs) and the management of STI outbreaks:

- [Syphilis: PHE action plan](#): addressing the increase in syphilis in England (PHE)
- [Tracking the syphilis epidemic in England](#) (PHE)
- [Guidance for the detection of gonorrhoea in England](#) (PHE)
- [National Chlamydia Screening Programme \(NCSP\)](#) (UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA)): information, data, guidance and resources about the NCSP
- [Operational guidance for investigating and managing STI outbreaks](#) (UKHSA)

Surveillance data

The following resources provided detailed data on STI testing and diagnoses and where to find more information:

- [Sexual health, reproductive health and HIV in England: a guide to local and national data](#) (UKHSA)
- [Sexually transmitted infections and screening for chlamydia in England](#) annual report and data tables (UKHSA)
- [Sexual and Reproductive Health Profiles](#) (UKHSA)

Guidelines and standards

The following resources include key clinical guidelines and standards for delivery of STI services:

- [Standards for the Management of STIs](#) (British Association for Sexual Health and HIV (BASHH)) and other BASHH clinical [guidelines](#) and [standards](#)
- [Society of Sexual Health Advisers \(SSHA\) Manual](#) (SSHA)
- [National Institute for Clinical and Health Excellence \(NICE\) guideline \[NG221\] Reducing sexually transmitted infections](#) (NICE)
- [NICE guideline \[NG68\] Sexually transmitted infections: condom distribution schemes](#) (NICE)
- [NICE Quality standard \[QS178\] Sexual health](#) (NICE)
- [The Green Book: Information for public health professionals on immunisation](#) (UKHSA)
- ['You're Welcome': establishing youth-friendly health and care services](#) (Office for Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID))

Commissioning support

The following resources provide guidance on commissioning of sexual health services:

- [Integrated sexual health service specification 2023](#) (Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC))
- [Making It work: a guide to whole system commissioning for sexual health, reproductive health and HIV](#) (PHE)
- [Supporting sexual health commissioning](#) (UKHSA)
- [Supporting sexual health commissioning: analysing and planning](#) (UKHSA)
- [The sexual health commissioning cycle: doing and reviewing](#) (UKHSA)

Sexual behaviour

This website provides information on the survey that provides information on sexual behaviours across Britain:

- [The National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles \(Natsal\)](#)

World Health Organization strategies

The following document provides the global strategic context as set out by the World Health Organization (WHO):

- [Global health sector strategies on, respectively, HIV, viral hepatitis and STIs for the period 2022 to 2030](#) (WHO)

Keeping up to date

The following online hub provides updates and new publications related to sexual health and bloodborne viruses:

- [Sexual Health, Reproductive Health, HIV and Hepatitis Knowledge Hub](#) (UKHSA)

Abbreviations

Abbreviation	Meaning
ADPH	Association of Directors of Public Health
BASHH	British Association for Sexual Health and HIV
DHSC	Department of Health and Social Care
EHSHCG	English HIV and Sexual Health Commissioners Group
OHID	Office for Health Improvement and Disparities
Natsal	The National Survey of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles
NICE	National Institute for Clinical and Health Excellence
NCSP	National Chlamydia Screening Programme
PHE	Public Health England
SSHA	Society of Sexual Health Advisors
STI	sexually transmitted infection
STIs	sexually transmitted infections
UKHSA	UK Health Security Agency
WHO	World Health Organization

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