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## **Sexual Health Services Commissioned in B Sol**

There are currently 3 sexual health services commissioned in B Sol and contractors are urged to carefully plan which services they sign up for and deliver, taking into account the time taken to engage with and train to deliver the services - set against the fees being paid.

### **Solihull Contractors**

- The current EHC service will be decommissioned by Feb 2026
- Termination notifications will be sent out this month directly from Solihull MBC.
- This means the EHC service will need to be delivered via the NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service extended to include EHC in October 2025

### **Birmingham Contractors**

#### **Umbrella Sexual Health Service Contract**

- Umbrella Sexual Health Service providers will have received invites to sign up to a new contract until 2028 directly from Umbrella (UHB).
- There are several services that can be delivered and support clients seeking support with their sexual health and wellbeing in addition to contraception (POP & COC) and EHC.
- Some "linked services" can be offered in some cases.
- All fees are included in the communication from Umbrella.



#### **Activity Data**

- c2000 EHC supplies are currently being made per month and (pre-PCS)
- c600 contraception supplies per month through the umbrella service.

**Contracting & Fees**

**Umbrella Fees:**

- Last contract expired March 2024, and contractors have continued to deliver the service.
- The LPC is pleased new contracting arrangements are being put in place but are disappointed this has taken 18 months.
- The fees were increased in April 2024 by 2% following NO increase during the entire previous contract term.
- The LPC sees the new fees (even with an annual planned increase) as undervaluing the professional services offered by contracted providers.
- Fee for delivering Umbrella contraception this year is £15.30
- Fee for delivering Umbrella EHC this year is £12.24

### **NHS Pharmacy Contraception Service**

- >90% of B Sol contractors have signed up to deliver this service.
- Signing up to the PCS is a PQS Gateway criterion for 25/26 and is also linked to Pharmacy First threshold payments.

### **PCS Fees:**

- Fee for delivering NHS PCS contraception is £25
- Fee for delivering NHS PCS EHC is £20

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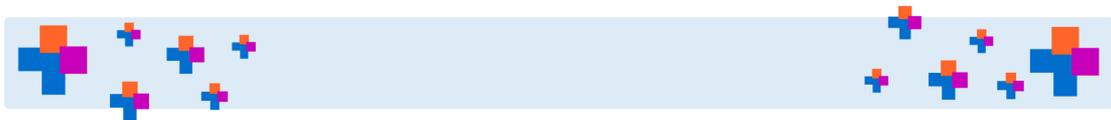
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