Looking after Sexual Health

Why is this issue important for Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly?

Evidence
Evidence shows comprehensive relationships and sex education combined with accessible young people friendly contraceptive services has the strongest impact on teenage pregnancy.

Whole community

48% 
Teenage conceptions result in a termination

£8M local annual health cost of unintended Pregnancy

The infant mortality rate is 44% higher for babies born to teenage mothers

There is also a strong association between deprivation and teenage conception rates across England with rates highest in the most deprived areas.

Personal costs
Undiagnosed Chlamydia can cause long term problems including infertility

44%
People who are diagnosed with HIV late face a ten times higher mortality risk in the year following diagnosis

Inequalities
Two thirds of chlamydia diagnoses in 2014 were amongst young people aged 15-24

What is being done locally to promote good Sexual Health?

Education
In 2014/15 Brook carried out 13,711 contacts with young people

In 2014/15 Speakeasy became mandatory training for local authority foster carers

Healthy Schools provide training and resources to help staff deliver effective, age-appropriate relationships and sex education

Talk RSH multiagency training programme supports the children’s workforce to be positive sources of information and support for young people

Why invest?
The Kings Fund estimates that every £1 spent in preventing teenage pregnancy saves £11 in health care costs alone

Partnerships
Cornwall’s Sexual Health Partnership Group includes Public Health, Children’s Services, Royal Cornwall Hospital Trust, Brook, The Health Promotion Service and KCCG

What are the local outcomes?

1998
4 in every 1,000 females

2014
2 in every 1,000 females

Cornwall & the Isles of Scilly aim to increase its detection of chlamydia from 1,844 per 100,000 (2014) to 2,300 per 100,000 in order to meet infection control targets

Local advice and support
To find out about sexual health services in your area please visit www.cornwallshac.org.uk

Further advice, information and guidance is available for young people at http://www.savvykernow.org.uk/

For more information about Cornwall’s approach to teenage pregnancy and meeting young people’s sexual health needs please visit www.cornwall.gov.uk/teenagepregnancy

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