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# SSHYP: School-linked sexual health services for young people

## Introduction

How well do sexual health advice services for young people work, when they are based in or linked with schools? We are carrying out a review of published evidence for the Department of Health, concerning any sexual health clinics, advice services and outreach projects for young people that are based in or linked with secondary schools or sixth form colleges.

In order to get a clear picture of the types of services currently being offered or developed in the UK, we would really appreciate your comments on the questions below. We are aware that school nurses have extensive knowledge and experience in this area. We will use your comments to build up a national picture, and to help us to identify relevant sources of research evidence – as well as to identify any gaps in current research. All responses will be treated in strict confidence.

We will treat your anonymous, returned questionnaire as confirmation of consent to take part in the study. Please return the questionnaire to us in the attached Freepost envelope (or to the address on the covering letter).

Finally, thank you for your help: it is very much appreciated.

Please return the questionnaire in the enclosed Freepost envelope to:

**Dr Jenny Owen**, Chief Investigator, SSHYP Project, School of Health and Related Research,  
The University of Sheffield, Regent Court, 30 Regent St., Sheffield, S1 4DA

**Please turn over to start completing the questionnaire.**

## 1 Your details

Please state your job title.....

Please state your academic and professional qualifications.....

How long have you been in your present post? ..... years ..... months

**Are you employed by** *(please tick box as appropriate)*

A Primary Care Trust?

Another NHS organisation (please describe)?

Another non-NHS organisation (please describe)?

Which Primary Care Trust or Health board area do you work in?.....

**Please tick here to confirm:**

That you have received the SSHYP project information sheet

That you agree that the information you provide below may be used in SSHYP project analyses and reports

## The questionnaire includes the following sections:

### **Section 2: information about existing sexual health services for school-aged young people**

NB there are separate questions for services dedicated only to sexual health (2.1, 2.2, 2.3) and for general health services which include sexual health as one aspect among others (2.4, 2.5). Please leave blank any that do not apply in your area, as far as you are aware.

Some questions are repeated for each different type of service: this is to help us collect full details.

### **Section 3: information about planned new service developments.**

### **Section 4: information about any relevant research of which you are aware.**

### **Section 5: concluding comments.**

## 2 Existing services: basic information

Are you aware of any existing clinics, drop-in services or outreach services linked to schools or sixth form colleges in the area where you work, that provide sexual health advice?

YES  NO  NOT SURE

**If YES: please complete the questions here in Section 2.**

**If NO or NOT SURE, please move straight on to Section 3.**

For services established in the area where you work, please provide further details as far as you can, by ticking all the answers that apply. For instance, if an advice service is jointly funded by the NHS and the Local Authority, please tick both answers. Leave blank any questions for which you haven't got information.

**2.1 In the area where I work, there are advice services dedicated to sexual health in particular, and located on school or sixth form college premises:**

YES  NO

**If yes:**

*What are the services called in publicity material?*

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**Who funds them?**

The NHS  The Local Authority

Other\* (please describe)  .....

**Who employs the manager(s) of the service(s)?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other\* (please describe)  .....

**Who are the service managers accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the services sent to?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other\* (please describe)  .....

**Staff include** (please tick all that apply):

School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers

Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers

Others (please describe)  .....

**Services include:**

General advice about sex  General advice about relationships

Emergency contraception  Oral contraception

Condoms  Other forms of contraception (please say which)  .....

Pregnancy Tests  Referrals to other services? (if yes, please say which)  .....

Girls-only sessions  Boys-only sessions

Other services (please say what these are)  .....

2.2 In the area where I work, there are advice services located near to school or sixth-form college premises, dedicated to sexual health in particular and clearly linked with the school or college (e.g. through shared planning processes or timetabling of sessions to fit with the school day)

YES  NO

**What are the services called in publicity material?** \_\_\_\_\_

How are these services linked with schools or sixth form colleges? *Please describe briefly*

**Who funds these?**

The NHS  The Local Authority

Other *(please describe)*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Who employs the manager(s) of the services?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other *(please describe)*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Who are the service managers accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the service sent to?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other *(please describe)*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Staff include:**

School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers

Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers

Others *(please describe)*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Services include:**

General advice about sex  General advice about relationships

Emergency contraception  Oral contraception

Condoms  Other forms of contraception *(please say which)*  \_\_\_\_\_

Pregnancy Tests  Referrals to other services? *(if yes, please say which)*  \_\_\_\_\_

Girls-only sessions  Boys-only sessions

Other services *(please say briefly what these are)*  \_\_\_\_\_

2.3 In the area where I work, there are outreach advice services for sexual health in particular (e.g. a school nurse or other practitioner linked with schools, who provides advice through visits or special sessions in youth clubs or other community facilities used by young people of secondary school age)

YES  NO

**What are the services called in publicity material?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Who funds these?**

The NHS  The Local Authority

Other *(please describe)*  \_\_\_\_\_

**Who employs the manager(s) of the services?**

- Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority   
 School or college  Health Board   
 Other (please describe)  .....

**Who are the service managers accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the service sent to?**

- Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority   
 School or college  Health Board   
 Other (please describe)  .....

**Staff include:**

- School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers   
 Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers   
 Others (please describe)  .....

**Services include:**

- General advice about sex  General advice about relationships   
 Emergency contraception  Oral contraception   
 Condoms  Other forms of contraception (please say which)  .....  
 Pregnancy Tests  Referrals to other services<sup>P</sup> (if yes, please say which)  .....  
 Girls-only sessions  Boys-only sessions   
 Other services (please say what these are)  .....

**Services are delivered at:**

- Youth clubs  Community centres  Other locations (please say where)

2.4 In the area where I work, there are general health drop-in clinics or services located on school or sixth form college premises, and these include the capacity to advise on sexual health

YES  NO

**What are the services called in publicity material?** .....

**Who funds these?**

- The NHS  The Local Authority   
 Other (please describe)  .....

**Who employs the manager(s) of the service(s)?**

- Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority   
 School or college  Health Board   
 Other (please describe)  .....

**Who are the service managers accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the service sent to?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other (please describe)  .....

**Staff include:**

School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers

Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers

Others (please describe)  .....

**Services include:**

General advice about sex  General advice about relationships

Emergency contraception  Oral contraception

Condoms  Other forms of contraception (please say which)  .....

Pregnancy Tests  Referrals to other services? (if yes, please say which)  .....

Girls-only sessions  Boys-only sessions

Other services (please say what these are)  .....

2.5 In the area where I work, there are general health services linked with schools or sixth form colleges, and these include the capacity to advise on sexual health (for example, advice services provided by a school nurse or other practitioner visiting youth clubs or other locations)

YES  NO

**How are these services linked with schools or sixth form colleges? Please describe briefly**

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**Who funds these?**

The NHS  The Local Authority

Other (please describe)  .....

**Who employs the manager of the service?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other (please describe)  .....

**Who is the service manager accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the service sent to?**

Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority

School or college  Health Board

Other (please describe)  .....

**Staff include:**

School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers

Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers

Others (please describe)  .....

**Services include:**

- |  |                          |  |                          |
|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|
| General advice about sex   | <input type="checkbox"/> | General advice about relationships                             | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Emergency contraception  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Oral contraception   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Condoms  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other forms of contraception <i>(please say which)</i>         | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Pregnancy Tests  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Referrals to other services? <i>(if yes, please say which)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Girls-only sessions  | <input type="checkbox"/> | Boys-only sessions   | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other services <i>(please say what these are)</i> <input type="checkbox"/> ..... |                          |  |                          |

**Services are delivered at:**

- Youth clubs  Community centres
- Other locations *(please say where)*  .....

2.6 In the area where I work, there are **other services or initiatives concerning sexual health** for young people, linked with local schools or sixth form colleges

YES  NO

if yes, please give a brief description of this service or initiative in you own words, including the way it is linked with a school or sixth form college:

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**What are the services called in publicity material?****Who funds this?**

- The NHS  The Local Authority
- Other *(please describe)*  .....

**Who employs the manager(s) of the services?**

- Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority
- School or college  Health Board
- Other *(please describe)*  .....

**Who are the service managers accountable to, i.e. where are activity returns from the service sent to?**

- Primary Care Trust  Local Authority Service District  Local Education Authority
- School or college  Health Board
- Other *(please describe)*  .....

**Staff include:**

- School nurses  Doctors  Teachers  Youth Workers
- Volunteers  Peer advisers or educators  Social workers
- Others *(please describe)*  .....

**Services include:**

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|---|--------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| General advice about sex                          | <input type="checkbox"/> | General advice about relationships   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Emergency contraception                           | <input type="checkbox"/> | Oral contraception   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Condoms   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Other forms of contraception <i>(please say which)</i>                     | <input type="checkbox"/> ..... |
| Pregnancy Tests                                   | <input type="checkbox"/> | Referrals to other services <sup>P</sup> <i>(if yes, please say which)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> ..... |
| Girls-only sessions                               | <input type="checkbox"/> | Boys-only sessions   | <input type="checkbox"/>       |
| Other services <i>(please say what these are)</i> | <input type="checkbox"/> | .....  |                                |

**Services are delivered at:**

- Youth clubs  Community centres
- Other locations *(please say where)*  .....

**3 Looking ahead: local service development**

**3.1 Are you aware of any plans for new sexual health services for young people in the area where you work, located in or near to schools/sixth form colleges?**

YES *(please state briefly the type(s) of service)*

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NO

**3.2 Are there any gaps in current services in your area, that you would like to see addressed?**

YES *(please state brief details)*

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NO

**3.3 Are there any changes in current policy on sexual health for young people (national or local) that you would like to see take place?**

YES *(please state brief details)*

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NO



## 4 Looking ahead: relevant research

- 4.1 Has any published research evidence been useful to you/your organisation in planning sexual health and related services for young people? (Examples could be local evaluations, or national or international studies).

YES *(please provide brief details if you can)*

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NO

- 4.2 Are there issues or questions that you would like to see investigated, in connection with sexual health services for young people?

YES *(please indicate topic areas briefly)*

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NO

## 5 Conclusion

- 5.1 What in your opinion are the strengths of school-linked sexual health services?

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- 5.2 What in your opinion are the weaknesses of school-linked sexual health services?

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### 5.3 Any other comments?

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### 5.4 Background information for monitoring purposes

**Gender:**            male             female             Age:.....

**Ethnic origin:** *please tick the box that best describes your ethnic origin*

**White:**

British             Irish             Other White

**Mixed/Dual heritage:**

White and Black Caribbean             White and Black African             White and Asian   
Other Mixed

**Asian or Asian British:**

Indian             Pakistani             Bangladeshi   
Other Asian

**Black or Black British:**

Caribbean             African             Other Black

**Chinese or Other Ethnic Group:**

Chinese             Other ethnic group

**Prefer not to state**