

## **News release**

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### **Young people help shape future of sexual health services**

Young people are being asked for their opinions on what they want from sexual health services in Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland.

Those aged between 16 and 25 are being urged to take part in a survey which has been organised by the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland PCT Cluster, in partnership with Leicester City Council and Leicestershire County Council.

Liz Rodrigo, a public health principal speaking on behalf of the Cluster, said: "We want to encourage young people to take part in the survey and have their say on the best place for sexual health services and when they should be open. Then we will hold focus groups based on the research we have collected.

"The results of the survey and the focus groups will help us decide where, when and how young people would like to access and receive information on sexual health. The surveys are anonymous and the feedback we get will help shape the future of sexual health services in the city.

"Young people can get involved in the survey and focus groups through a number of channels. One of the market researchers may stop them when they are out and about in the city. They can also access the online survey or use their smartphone to scan the QR code on posters dotted around local venues."

Belinda Fumai a local youth advisor with the Leicester City Council helping with the project, said: "I urge all young people to get involved in this survey as it's their opportunity to improve the sexual health services they are or will be using. It is really important that young people have their say in how services are provided. This will make them better used and ensure that NHS money is used where the need is."

The surveys will be taking place across the city and county until Monday December 5. To take part in the survey visit <http://surveys.questions.co.uk/SexualHealth.asp>.

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Notes to editor:

In October 2010 NHS Leicester City and NHS Leicestershire County and Rutland joined forces to form a 'cluster', in line with the requirements of the Department of Health.

Although we share one Cluster Board and our staff work across the city and county boundaries, we have not legally merged, and retain our separate statutory duties. Together we serve a population of more than a million people. Cluster formation is an interim stage in the reform of the NHS, involving on-going transfer of most local commissioning functions to GP-led clinical commissioning groups, in line with the Health and Social Care Bill, now before Parliament and the House of Lords.