Date: 21st September 2015

To: National Commissioners / Providers of Sexual Health Services

Dear Colleague

I am writing on behalf of the Yorkshire & Humber Public Health Regional Sexual Health Commissioning Group to provide an update on the agreed Yorkshire & Humber regional approach to sexual health cross charging.

In a recent meeting the Yorkshire and Humber Directors of Public Health discussed sexual health and with this agenda was a desire to develop a regional approach to cross charging. Cross charging has been debated by the Regional Sexual Health Commissioning Group since the transfer of commissioning responsibilities in April 2013.

Some of the key issues which had been debated regionally included:

- Not all authorities would reimburse for contraception activity
- Cross charging is managed differently by authorities both regionally and nationally
- Cross charging is now incurring significant resource expenditure for commissioners and providers in pursuing information or payment

As a region the Yorkshire & Humber Directors of Public Health have agreed that all local authorities in the region will adopt the following principles (a list of Local Authorities in the Yorkshire and Humber region are in Appendix A)

1. Authorities will only pay for invoices for GUM activity within the national tariff cost envelope (the tariff currently in force is the 2014/15 tariff)
2. Authorities will not reimburse invoices for contraception activity
3. Authorities will not pay charges for market forces factor (MFF)
4. Before making payment invoices and supporting data will clearly provide all the required information (regional information requirement is detailed in Appendix B)

Therefore Yorkshire and Humber authorities will reimburse against GUM activity up to national tariff (the tariff currently in force is the 2014/15 tariff).

There are a number of benefits to agreeing a regional position but primarily this will help to provide clarity, equality of approach across the region, and make more efficient use of limited resources.
As a region this approach will commence from 1st October 2015. However, some authorities in the region have already adopted this approach. This set of principles will be reviewed in the summer of 2016 by the Yorkshire & Humber Directors of Public Health.

If this approach has any impact on your authority or your commissioned services then please feedback either through a response to this post on the National Commissioners Forum or via email to paul.laing@hullcc.gov.uk who will collate responses on behalf of the Yorkshire & Humber Commissioners. Any feedback will inform the Regional Directors of Public Health cross charging review in 2016.

Please forward this letter to your commissioned providers to make them aware of the regional position

Yours faithfully,

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Appendix A – List Of Yorkshire & Humber Authorities

The list of Local Authorities signed up to this approach within the Yorkshire and Humber region:

- Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council
- Bradford Metropolitan District Council
- Calderdale Metropolitan Borough Council
- Doncaster Metropolitan Borough Council
- East Riding of Yorkshire Council
- Kingston upon Hull City Council
- Kirklees Council
- Leeds City Council
- North Lincolnshire Council
- North East Lincolnshire Council
- North Yorkshire County Council
- Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council
- Sheffield City Council
- Wakefield Metropolitan District Council
- City of York Council
Appendix B – Minimum Information Requirements for Invoicing

Invoice must include:

- Name of Provider
- Date
- Bank Details
- Invoice Period
- Invoice total

Supporting Data for each activity claimed:

- LA Code
- LA Name
- GUM Number / Identifier
- Attendance Type – New / Follow Up / Single / Multi Professional
- Activity / Treatment Code
- Postcode
- LSOA
- Appointment Date
- Tariff