

## FOI 22-211 Unity Sexual Health

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### Your Local Authority

#### 1. Name of Local Authority

Unity Sexual Health is commissioned by Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG) local authorities. This response covers the North Somerset Local Authority

**Section 2 - Please respond to the following questions in section 2, for each level 3 sexual health service you commission in your local authority area. Please complete a separate word document for each service.**

#### 2.1. Name of clinic/service prescribing PrEP

Weston Integrated Sexual Health (WISH) Clinic (North Somerset Local Authority)

#### 2.2. In terms of assessing the eligibility for PrEP, which of the current methods does your service use to assess a patient's eligibility?

- Email consultation- No
- Online screening using e-form- No
- Virtual/video consultation- No
- Online consultation with a members of staff- No
- Telephone consultation with a member of staff- Yes
- Voicemail/call back system- Yes
- Face to face appointments- Yes
- Other (please specify)- No

#### 2.3. Is this service currently booking new appointments for PrEP initiation for eligible patients?

- Yes

#### 2.4. Does your service currently have an upper limit or cap on the total number of possible PrEP prescriptions/patients it can accept?

- No

#### 2.5. How many people are currently enrolled in this service receiving PrEP?

1115 people currently enrolled across all local authorities (including patients who are out of area). These are people who have started or continued treatment of PrEP at Unity and have not indicated that they have stopped their treatment.

#### 2.6. How long is the average time from requesting a PrEP appointment to PrEP initiation?

The waiting time is 1-3 months. We work from a combined waiting list. The WISH team review and contact people in the WISH area.

#### 2.7. Is there currently any waiting list for PrEP in your service?

- Yes

**If you answered yes, please answer the below:**

##### 2.7.1. What is the current average waiting list time for those waiting for PrEP?

The waiting time is 1- 3 months. We work from a combined waiting list.

##### 2.7.2. How many people are currently on the waiting list?

127. This is a combined total for Bristol, North Somerset and South Gloucestershire (BNSSG). WISH does not currently have anyone on the waiting list that has not been contacted and had an appointment arranged.

**2.8. Has COVID affected the number of PrEP appointments available?**

• Yes (please specify)

The COVID-19 pandemic had affected the capacity of the whole service.

We are running a 'telephone consultation first' service which has reduced capacity for face to face attendances, however, this is balanced by the ability to send PrEP out to patients or allow them to come and pick it up without a face to face appointment for follow ups

**2.9. What length of PrEP prescription does the service currently offer for first prescription/initiation (tick all that apply)?**

- 3-month prescription- yes
- 6-month prescription- no
- Other – please specify- nil

**2.10. What length of PrEP prescription does the service currently offer for repeat and follow up prescriptions (tick all that apply)?**

- 3-month prescription- yes
- 6-month prescription- occasionally
- Other – please specify- no

**2.11. Please share any data you have about the population prescribed PrEP in this service, broken down by key population groups, specifically, gender, age, sexual orientation and ethnicity?**

• Age

Age	Number of people who were prescribed PrEP (since Oct-2020 to Mar-2021) ( <u>All residents – including Out of Area</u> )	Percentage
15-24	225	19.96%
25-34	481	42.68%
35-49	293	26.00%
50-64	108	9.58%
65+	20	1.77%
TOTAL	1127	

Age	Number of patients prescribed PrEP (since Oct-2020 to Mar-2021) ( <u>North Somerset residents</u> )	Percentage
15-24	14	12.84%
25-34	34	31.19%
35-49	33	30.28%
50-64	23	21.10%
65+	*	*

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• Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Number of people who were prescribed PrEP (since Oct-2020 to Mar-2021) ( <u>All residents – including Out of Area</u> )	Percentage
White British	784	69.57%
White Irish	23	2.04%
Any Other White Background	132	11.71%
White and Black Caribbean	11	0.98%
White and Black African	*	*
White and Asian	9	0.80%
Any Other Mixed Background	23	2.04%
Indian	8	0.71%
Pakistani	6	0.53%
Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Any Other Asian Background	12	1.06%
Caribbean	12	1.06%
African	11	0.98%
Any Other Black Background	*	*
Chinese	17	1.51%
Any Other Ethnic Background	15	1.33%
Not Stated	59	5.24%

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Ethnicity	Number of patients prescribed PrEP (since Oct-2020 to Mar-2021) ( <u>North Somerset residents</u> )	Percentage
White British	82	75.23%
White Irish	0	0.00%
Other White	12	11.01%
White and Black Caribbean	*	*
White and Black African	0	0.00%
White and Asian	0	0.00%
Other Mixed	*	*
Indian	0	0.00%
Pakistani	*	*
Bangladeshi	0	0.00%
Other Asian	0	0.00%
Caribbean	0	0.00%
African	0	0.00%
Other Black	0	0.00%

Chinese	*	*
Any Other	0	0.00%
Not Stated	8	7.34%

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**• Gender Identity & Sexual Orientation**

Gender Identity	Sexual Orientation	Number of people who were prescribed PrEP (since Oct-2020 to Mar-2021) ( <u>All residents – including Out of Area</u> )	Percentage
Cis Female	Bisexual	2	0.18%
	Heterosexual	*	*
	Homosexual	*	*
	Not Known	*	*
Trans Female	Bisexual	*	*
	Heterosexual	*	*
	Homosexual	0	0.00%
	Not Known	*	*
Cis Male	Bisexual	86	7.63%
	Heterosexual	7	0.62%
	Homosexual	956	84.83%
	Not Known	42	3.73%
Trans Male	Bisexual	*	*
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	*	*
	Not Known	0	0.00%
Non-binary	Bisexual	6	0.53%
	Heterosexual	*	*
	Homosexual	9	0.80%
	Not Known	*	*
Other	Bisexual	0	0.00%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	*	*
	Not Known	0	0.00%

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Cis Female	Bisexual	*	*
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	*	*
	Not Known	0	0.00%
Trans Female	Bisexual	0	0.00%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	0	0.00%
	Not Known	0	0.00%
Cis Male	Bisexual	10	9.17%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	92	84.40%
	Not Known	*	*
Trans Male	Bisexual	0	0.00%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	0	0.00%
	Not Known	0	0.00%
Non-binary	Bisexual	0	0.00%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	0	0.00%
	Not Known	0	0.00%
Other	Bisexual	0	0.00%
	Heterosexual	0	0.00%
	Homosexual	0	0.00%
	Not Known	0	0.00%

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**2.12. Do you have any plans for targeted outreach to communities currently under-represented in PrEP prescribing in your service?**

- Yes

**If you answered yes, please answer the questions below:**

**2.12.1. Are these plans currently funded?**

- Yes

**2.12.2. Please share any further details of your plans if possible.**

Advertising campaign targeted at people of African and Caribbean heritage, LGBTQ+ and young people

**If you answered no to questions 2.12, please answer the question below:**

**2.12.3. Are there any barriers or reasons why this work is not able to take place? (please specify)**

**2.13. Are there any PrEP service changes planned or envisaged in the next 6 months?**

**• Yes (please provide details)**

We are anticipating a move to injectable PrEP at some point and also to see whether we will be able to access Descovy for patients with renal and bone issues.

**2.14. Do you have the resources or tools you need to ensure everyone who is eligible for PrEP or might benefit from it is identified and able to access PrEP?**

**• No.**

Not able to prescribe Descovy PrEP for those with renal/ bone issues.

No measure of unmet need in community

Need for PrEP to be available for initiation outside sexual health clinics e.g. pharmacies/ GP surgeries.

**If you answer no, please answer the below question:**

**2.14.1. What additional resources does your clinic require to increase the identification of eligible patients and uptake of PrEP?**

National drive by respected organisations to highlight availability of PrEP, reduce stigma and increase acceptability.