

Question:

I'm interested in obtaining specific information regarding the public health expenditure of Northumberland County Council for the period 2013-2016.

In the table below you will find a detailed description of the information I would like to obtain.

Description of the information

1. Please provide a summary breakdown of the public health spend for Northumberland County Council in each of the last 5 years (2013-2017 inclusive). I'm interested in receiving a detailed account of the public health spend of Northumberland County Council, and more specifically how the public health spend was distributed across the different services it covers for the period indicated above.

The information provided below are based on the major public health priorities, the remainder of the grant is used for smaller projects and department costs.

	Smoking Services	0-19 Public Health Services	Drug & Alcohol Services	Sexual Health Services	Lifestyle Services	Fluoridation
2013/14	£710,542	£1,662,224	£3,008,771	£2,142,322	£2,077,851	£66,404
2014/15	£951,210	£2,153,992	£3,182,481	£2,247,327	£2,050,400	£77,278
2015/16	£882,503	£4,523,799	£3,019,734	£2,470,878	£2,061,809	£93,603
2016/17	£799,155	£7,402,441	£3,327,359	£2,238,179	£2,028,883	£81,174

2. Please provide a summary breakdown of the Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) spend of Northumberland County Council was distributed in each of the last 5 years (2013-2017 inclusive). My understanding is that SRH spend covers a range of services including, but not exclusively, contraception provision and advice, sexual health treatment and advice, pregnancy related care, abortion related care, cervical screening, psychosexual therapy, PMS treatment, colposcopy services, fertility treatment and care and gynaecological treatment and care. I'm interested in receiving detailed outline of the spend of Northumberland County Council for each of these services for the period indicated above.

From 1 April 2013 to Sexual Health Services were previously provided from various service providers. From the 1 August 2016, the Council commissioned an Integrated Sexual Health Service via a block contract to provide: STI screening, treatment and advice, contraception provision and advice, opportunistic cervical screening, psychosexual therapy, EHC from

pharmacies, C.Card provision and HCP training. The cost of this service and separate services are outlined in the table below.

Furthermore, we commission enhanced Long Acting Reversible Contraception from Primary Care which includes advice, procedure and device reimbursement. The cost of this service is also outlined in the table.

	Sexual Health Services	LARC Procedures	LARC Devices
2013/14	£1,953,352	£188,970	£0
2014/15	£1,880,129	£215,829	£151,369
2015/16	£2,155,590	£184,090	£131,198
2016/17	£1,916,972	£173,590	£147,617

3. Please provide a breakdown of the spend for sexual health treatment and advice in each of the last five years (2013-2017 inclusive). I would like to receive a detailed account of the spend of Northumberland County Council within the sexual health treatment and advice service area specifically. I'm looking for an outline of the specific services provided and the associated spend for each service.

Within scope of the block contract and spend as outlined above.

4. What was the total spend on chlamydia screening in Northumberland County Council in each of the last 5 years (2013-2017 inclusive)?

	Chlamydia Screening
2013/14	£118,000 (block contract)
2014/15	£118,590 (block contract)
2015/16	£118,590 (block contract)
2016/17	Part of Integrated Sexual Health Service commissioned from 1 August 2016

5. To the best of your knowledge, are you budgeting more or less spending on chlamydia testing for future years?

Chlamydia Screening and treatment is catered for within the block contract however a high priority is requested of the providers to address CS coverage and treatment.

6. Has Northumberland County Council met the PHE recommendation of an annual diagnosis rate of at least 2,300 per 100,000 15-24 year olds per year in each of the last 5 years (2013-2017 inclusive)?

No

7. Has Northumberland County Council met the PHE recommendation for providing integrated services by ensuring 70% of all chlamydia tests are delivered via primary care services (GP surgeries, community pharmacies), SRH services (including abortion providers) or GUM services?

No

8. What have been the biggest challenges for Northumberland County Council in reaching the National Chlamydia Screening Target? (e.g. budget, marketing)

It is more difficult to reach the target audience within the county given the rurality of the area and the fact that we have no Universities and relatively few concentrations of young people outside schools.

9. Thinking about chlamydia screening and treatment specifically, what resources does Northumberland County Council needs the most to effectively control chlamydia through early detection and treatment of the infection? (e.g. budget, technical resources, staff, marketing)

Give the rural nature of the County, we use health promotion campaigns to increase testing and are focusing on increasing awareness of online availability of testing kits. According to our quarterly KPI monitoring, Health Advisor management of positive cases is extremely high so we are confident clients who are confirmed positive for chlamydia and/or gonorrhea receive responsive advice and treatment.