

Dear colleague

Position statement for processing invoices from non-contracted providers of sexual healthcare

Please find below an explanation of the position of Warrington Borough Council for processing invoices from non-contracted providers of specialist sexual health services.

Extracts from the position statement

The Directors of Public Health in Cheshire and Merseyside have agreed a position statement to inform the processing of invoices from non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services. The position statement was agreed on 12th March 2021 and will take effect on 1st July 2021.

Extracts from the position statement are presented below. Please see the full document for additional information, explanations and references.

The local authorities in Cheshire and Merseyside have agreed:

1. Non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services will be reimbursed for attendances for STI-related care (GUM) at a rate up to but not exceeding the tariff prices detailed in Table 2.
2. Non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services will be reimbursed for attendances for PrEP-related care at a rate up to but not exceeding the tariff prices detailed in Table 3.
3. Non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services will be reimbursed for providing telephone / video consultations if offered as an alternative to a face-to-face appointment at a rate up to but not exceeding the tariff prices detailed in Table 4. Non-contracted providers should not bill for telephone triage.

The local authorities in Cheshire and Merseyside have also agreed:

1. Non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services will not be reimbursed for attendances for contraception or related provision unless this has been agreed with the relevant commissioner in advance.
2. Non-contracted providers of sexual health services will not be reimbursed if STI-related care that can be viewed as discretionary is provided for a patient attending for contraception – for example, provision of a pack of condoms or provision of an opportunistic test for chlamydia (T1/T2) – unless such practice has been agreed with the relevant commissioner in advance.

- Non-contracted providers of sexual health services will not be reimbursed for providing a remote service (e.g. fulfilment of an order for an STI self-sampling kit) offered on an open access basis

Furthermore, the local authorities have confirmed that invoices including the following will not be accepted:

- HIV treatment and care
- MFF (Market Forces Factor) cannot be applied to tariff prices.
- CQUINS will not be paid

Warrington Borough Council and the other local authorities in Cheshire and Merseyside confirm that our providers of specialist sexual and reproductive health services are not required to bill out-of-area commissioners for attendances for contraception.

Cheshire and Merseyside tariff prices for 2021/22

The local authorities of Cheshire and Merseyside will reimburse non-contracted providers of specialist sexual and reproductive services up to but not exceeding the tariff prices detailed below. Invoicing should be in line with the requirements set out above and in the position statement document.

Table 2: Tariff for attendances for STI-related care			
	First face-to-face attendance		Follow-up attendance
	Single professional	Multi-professional	
2021/22	£138	£142	£108

Table 3: Tariff for attendances for PrEP-related care			
	First face-to-face attendance		Follow-up attendance
	Single professional	Multi-professional	
2021/22	£188	£198	£148

Table 4: Tariff for telephone / video consultations		
	Telephone / video consultations	
	First telephone consultation	Follow-up telephone consultation
2021/22	£25	£25

Invoices and backing data

Invoicing should be in line with the requirements set out above and in the position statement document.

Non-contracted providers can bill for a first or follow-up attendance for STI-related care or a first or follow-up attendance for PrEP-related care but not both.

Invoices should be submitted as soon as possible following the date of provision, and within a period of three (3) months where possible. Backing data should be submitted with invoices using the template provided in the position statement document.

Invoices and the relevant backing information should be submitted to the following email address: PublicHealthBusinessUnit@warrington.gov.uk

Regards,

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