

SOMERSET PRACTICES ONLY

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Dear Colleagues

Contraceptive Devices – Change of Commissioner from April 2016

The Contraceptive Devices enhanced service for Somerset General Practices is currently commissioned by NHS England. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 stated that enhanced contraceptive service commissioning should transfer to Local Authorities as part of their new sexual health commissioning responsibilities. As previously advised, following negotiation with Somerset County Council NHS England will be transferring this service to the Council with effect from 1 April 2016.

Please note that this includes the non-contraceptive element (with Somerset CCGs agreement).

The Council has stated that they plan to roll forward the service in its current form for 2016/17; however they will need to make an amendment to the data collection (to allow a baseline regarding contraceptive vs non-contraceptive activity to be established) as well as additional audit requirements regarding trained fitters to inform future training requirements. Information on this and the process for claiming and receiving payments and the new contact point will be provided to practices in due course.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'J Collins'.

Jenny Collins
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