

**Message from Angela Robinson re DoH Allocations to Lead consultants in  
GUM/HIV services**

Following the release of Public Health White Paper "Choosing Health: Making Healthier Choices Easier" further information has been released about funding allocations and use of resources. The two papers address White Paper funding allocations for chlamydia screening and sexual health, specifically the briefing note for PCT and SHA sexual health leads.

Attached is an Excel spreadsheet which indicates the PCT allocations of Public Health (PH) money. Dr Kinghorn has worked out for each PCT from the guidance on % allocation stated in the attached WORD documents, the indicative amounts for GU modernisation and chlamydia screening. He has added additional columns to the original spreadsheet which indicate the specific amounts of money for 2006/2007 and 2007/2008. The amount of funding increases over the two years. In 2007/8, the total amount available is that indicated in the final columns.

These are the amounts that the Government announced will be available for Sexual Health and what PCTs should be providing. PCTs are not limited to this expenditure and can spend more! However PCTs decide their priorities and can use the PH money as they see fit. Therefore the figures are only indicative amounts. Please check the calculations. This is guidance from BASHH, is derived from information that is in various documents but has no official status. However it gives Consultants the information on what is available should the PCT invest the expected amount and provides a starting point for negotiation.

The GU modernisation money may be used by PCTs for achieving the LDPs. Improving access to GU services can be achieved in a number of ways. However there is no compunction for the money to be used just in 'community' settings, which is one interpretation that I have heard from a PCT sexual health lead, nor is it designated just for GUM clinics. ie this is not ring-fenced for GUM/HIV services.

There is a considerable shortfall of money from the £130 million overall. This shortfall will be for capital projects. I have no details on the mechanism for distribution. As soon as I have relevant information, I will pass this on.'

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