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Dear Colleague

### **SEXUAL HEALTH & HIV STRATEGY GENITO-URINARY MEDICINE – DEVELOPMENT PILOTS**

I wrote to all PCT Chief Executives with a GUM clinic in their geographical area on 12 June this year with details of allocations to pump-prime improvements to GUM clinics. My letter highlighted that there would be further funding available for some areas with little or no GUM service or services where there are very limited staff and resources to cope with demand. We are now planning to use this funding to establish a small number of pilots to pump-prime new services or further enhance those already in existence. The intention is that these schemes will act as “development pilots” and we will disseminate findings and learning to other areas of the country.

Funding is available from the Sexual Health and HIV Strategy budget to fund 10 pilots. Each pilot area will be allocated up to £180,000 in 2003/04 to cover start up costs. Further funding up to a maximum of £180,000 will be allocated in each of the next two financial years. After this, we expect PCTs to continue funding the service development locally from mainstream allocations. We are seeking support from SHAs to help us identify those areas in the country with the greatest need. These areas may cover one or more PCT and ideally the 10 pilot areas will fit with the details provided in annex A.

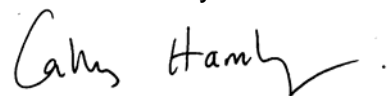
If you consider there are areas within your SHA where there is a clear need to establish or develop GUM services and which fit the details specified, can you please send us details, including why you believe they should be considered for additional funding. We will then select the areas we feel are most in need for development of services, in consultation with representatives of the GUM specialty.

Please could you send this information to Andrea Duncan at the above address [or [andrea.duncan@doh.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:andrea.duncan@doh.gsi.gov.uk)] by 6 November.

In addition to these pilots, we are currently developing a service review process for GUM clinics in England. Clinics will be assessed against a standard checklist of objective criteria to support service development and to identify

gaps in provision and capacity. We would welcome support from SHAs in undertaking these reviews and further information will be circulated shortly.

Yours sincerely

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Cathy Hamlyn

**Head Sexual Health and Substance Misuse**

## **Annex A**

### **General**

- High deprivation score and/or area where there are special factors for example holiday resort, university, further education college or foreign language school
- High prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and HIV (for example from KC60 and SOPHID data)
- PCT commitment to continue funding once DH pump-priming ceases

### **If no GUM service in existence**

- Business case available which demonstrates a clear need to develop a GUM service (if available please provide a copy)
- Long distance /travelling times to nearest clinic
- Long waiting times for nearest clinic
- Provide details of size of population which would be covered by the service development

### **If GUM service in existence**

- Business case available which demonstrates that service has a clear need for development/expansion (if available please provide a copy)
- Single-handed consultant and limited numbers of nurses and health advisors
- Limited opening times
- Long waiting times to access service (for example up to six weeks in some areas)
- Details of size of population served