

## Sexual Health Targeted 1:1 Educational Support Referral Guidance.

### What does the service provide?

The service provides a bespoke programme of 1:1 sessions between a young person and one of our Education and Wellbeing Specialist Workers – this can be up to 6 sessions (with each session lasting between 30 minutes and 1 hour). Shorter programmes or interventions can be developed if necessary.

Sessions can be arranged at a number of venues – they can be conducted in school, in one of the ORBISH Sexual Health Clinics, a drop-in centre or another mutually agreed venue.

The service is commissioned for vulnerable young people aged 13-19 years old. Examples of this include but are not limited to Cared for Children, SEN young people, concerns around CSE.

**We also accept referrals for young people up to 25 who have an additional need, these will be triaged prior to acceptance.**

### Referral Process

We aim to provide quick, easy, and confidential access to our service. The best way to make a referral is to complete the referral form and send via email, [vcl.orbishyp@nhs.net](mailto:vcl.orbishyp@nhs.net). If you need to discuss a referral or have a query you can ring us on **01706 202 444**. If the line is engaged, please leave a voicemail and someone will be in touch.

In addition, young people can also self-refer to the service. They can contact us on **01706 202 444**. If we are unavailable to answer the call, they can leave a voicemail.

When you call, we will be looking for the following information:

- **Young Persons details:** Name, Address, Date of Birth, Address, Contact telephone number and general demographics.
- **The referrers details:** Name, Agency, Contact Telephone Number, Email address.
- **Reason(s) for referral**
- **If the young person is open to Children's Social Care or has intervention from any other services**

**During busy periods we must implement a waiting list which prioritises those that are high/medium levels of risk.**

### Referral Criteria

**Referrals are welcome for support around:**

- Sexual health including contraception and STIs.
- Concerns around inappropriate relationships
- Understanding consent
- Risky behaviour- regarding their sexual health
- Accessing pornography/inappropriate websites
- Using social media apps/websites to meet unknown people.
- Sex and the law including sharing indecent images and age-appropriate relationships.
- Sexualised behaviour

**If you are unsure if your referral is suitable, please contact the team who can advise on this.**

**If the referral does not meet our criteria, we will advise you of this and where would be appropriate to refer onto. If they are under the age of 13, we have a pathway in place with School Nurses and Rochdale Youth Service.**

**IF THERE IS ANY IMMEDIATE CHILD PROTECTION CONCERNS OR THE YOUNG PERSON REQUIRES IMMEDIATE CARE / INTERVENTION, THEN IN THE FIRST INSTANCE CONTACT THE LOCALITY SAFEGUARDING TEAM:**

**Rochdale - 0300 303 0440**

**Bury – 0161 253 5678**

**Oldham – 0161 770 7777**

**Manchester – 0161 234 5001**

The service is open to all young people aged 13-19 residing in the Bury and Rochdale Metropolitan Borough Council areas, who present or recognise any of the behaviours mentioned above.

Referrals are welcome from all agencies that support young people, in particular Schools / Colleges, School Nursing teams, statutory and voluntary sector providers, and local authority social care teams. Feedback will only be given to any referring agency with the young person's consent.

**This is a confidential service, and young people can be referred to the service/be provided with support if they are considered competent in respect of Fraser assessment guidelines.**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/child-protection-system/legal-definition-child-rights-law/gillick-competency-fraser-guidelines/>**

Following the referral, the programme will follow this pathway:

