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To: The Chair and Members
of the Health and
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HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Thursday, 25th April, 2024

A meeting of the Health and Wellbeing Board is to be held on the above date at 2.15 pm at Committee Suite, County Hall, Exeter to consider the following matters.

Donna Manson
Chief Executive

SUPPLEMENT

8 Devon Sexual Health Needs Assessment (Pages 1 - 8)

Presentation attached

Devon Sexual Health Needs Assessment

Devon Health & Wellbeing Board

Thursday 25th April 2024

9:30am – 12:30pm

Abenaa Gyamfuah-Assibey - Public Health Commissioning Manager (Sexual Health)

Louise Cox - Senior Public Health Analyst

Background

- **Sexual Health is an important part of overall health and wellbeing**

Health Needs Assessment aims to:

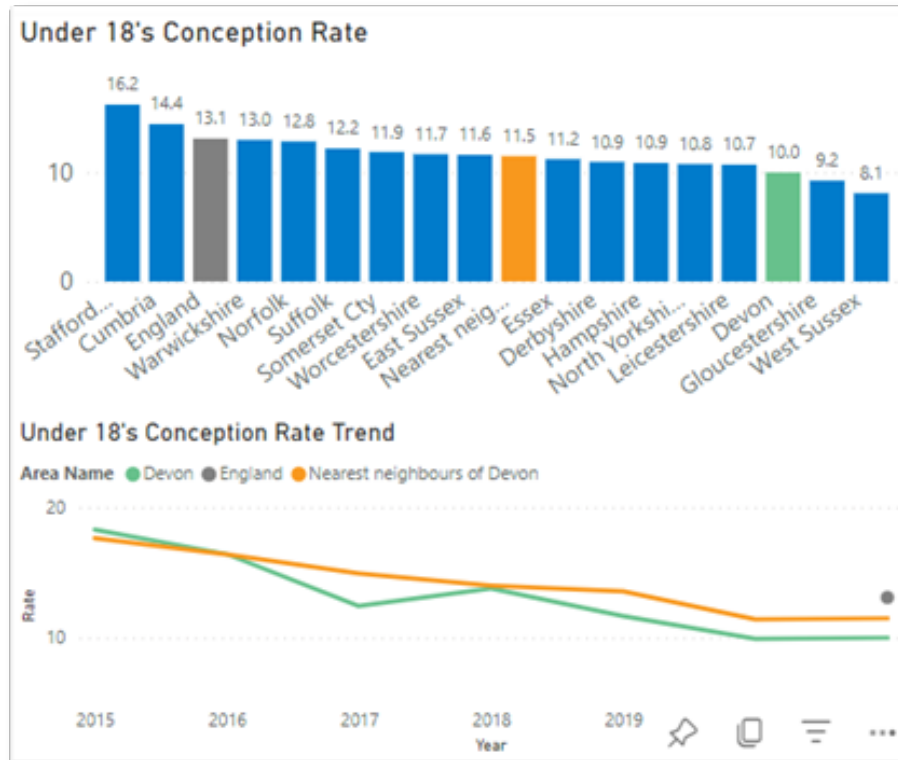
- understand the sexual and reproductive health **needs of the people of Devon**
- Inform future strategy development and **commissioning intentions for 2025**
- Improve sexual health of the local population and **reduce health inequalities**

Approach

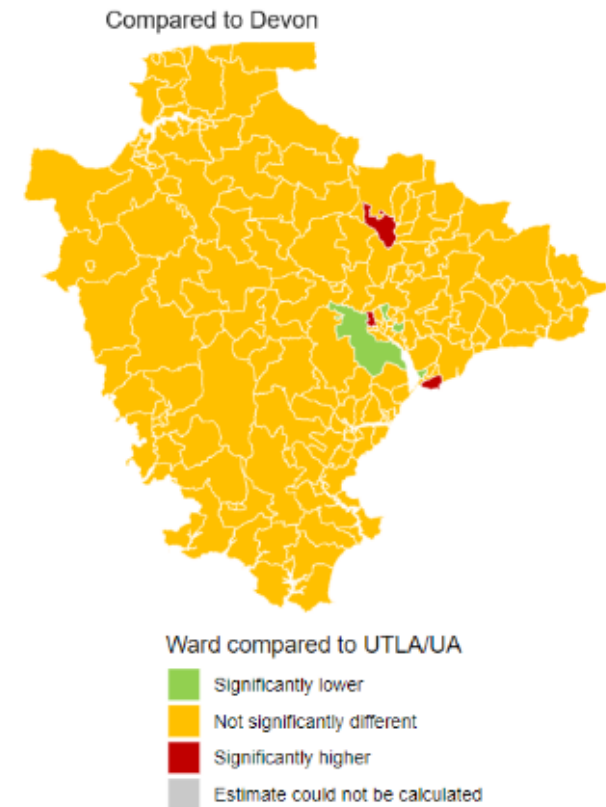
- Review **variations in outcomes** using existing data sources
- Gather **local insights** from key populations and service users

Key Findings and Challenges

- Devon performs well in regard to teenage conceptions



- Little variation at ward level, no wards have significantly higher rates than England
- Comparing wards within Devon shows pockets with significantly higher rates in mid and East Devon

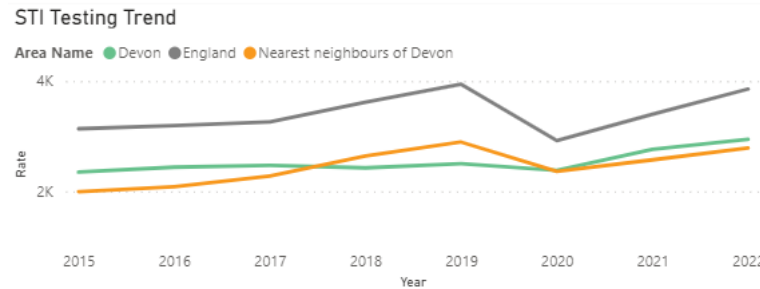
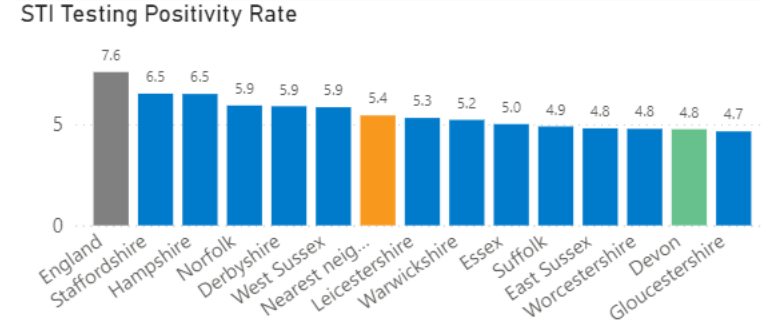
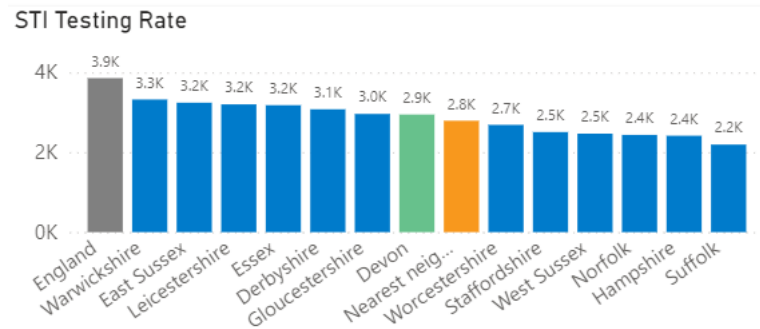


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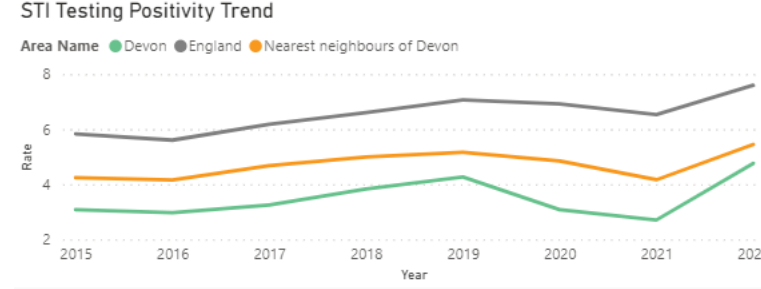
Key Findings and Challenges

- Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing and diagnosis rates are closely linked
- In Devon we have a **higher than average testing rate combined with a lower than average positivity rate**, this **needs further exploration** to ensure the right people are being tested.

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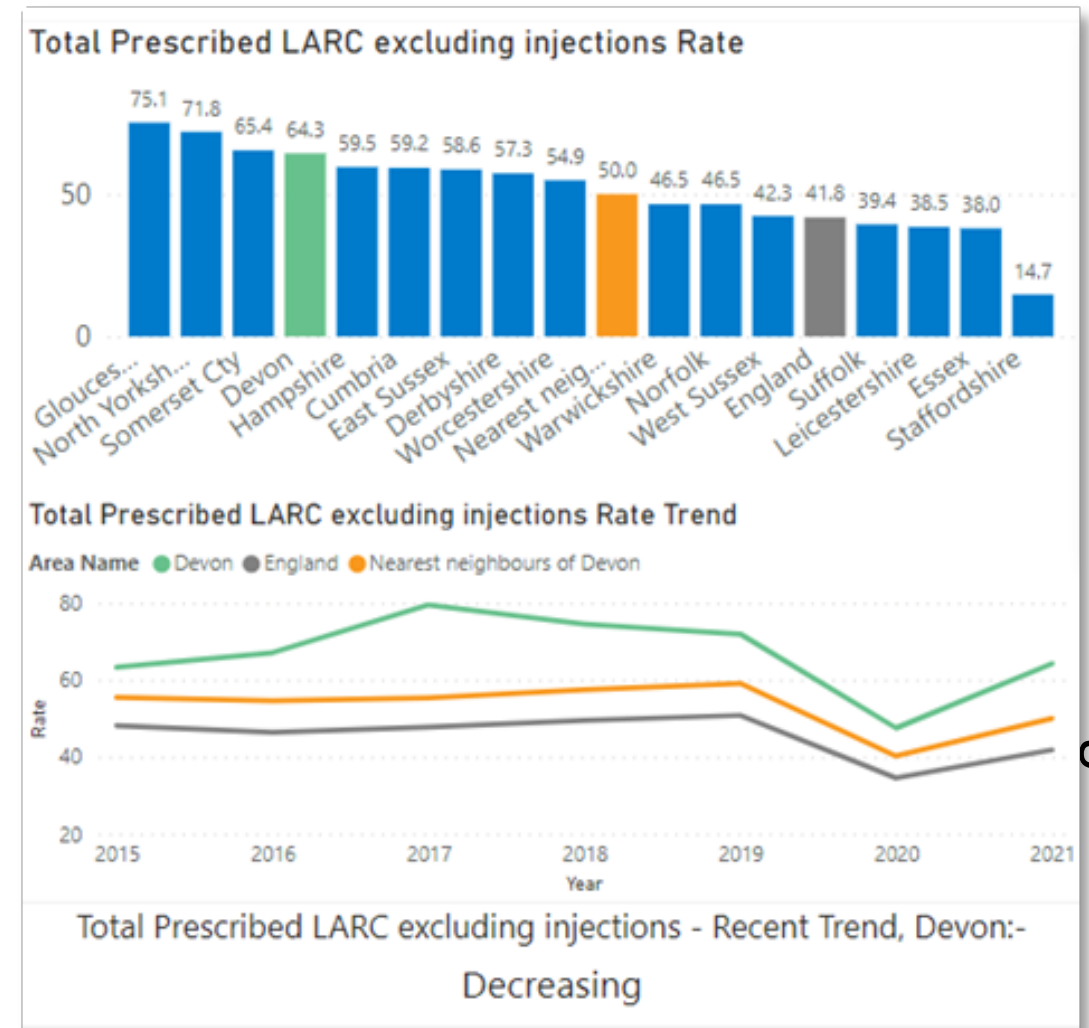
STI Testing - Recent Trend, Devon:-
Increasing and getting better



STI Testing Positivity - Recent Trend, Devon:-
No significant change

Key Findings and Challenges

- The provision of **Long-Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC)** is a proxy measure for wider access to the range of possible contraceptive methods and should also **help reduce rates of unintended pregnancy**.
- **Wide variation in rates** across Primary Care Networks, with **lowest rates in North Devon, Torrridge and parts of East Devon**
- Contraception survey themes from service users:
 - Improve **accessibility** (location/hours) needed
 - **Patient choice** – contraception options and availability
 - **Knowledge & training** need, particularly around inclusivity



Vulnerable and At Risk Groups

Groups identified

- Substance misuse service users
- People with learning disabilities
- Women at risk of sexual exploitation
- Travelling communities

Good Practice
e.g. Quiet Clinics

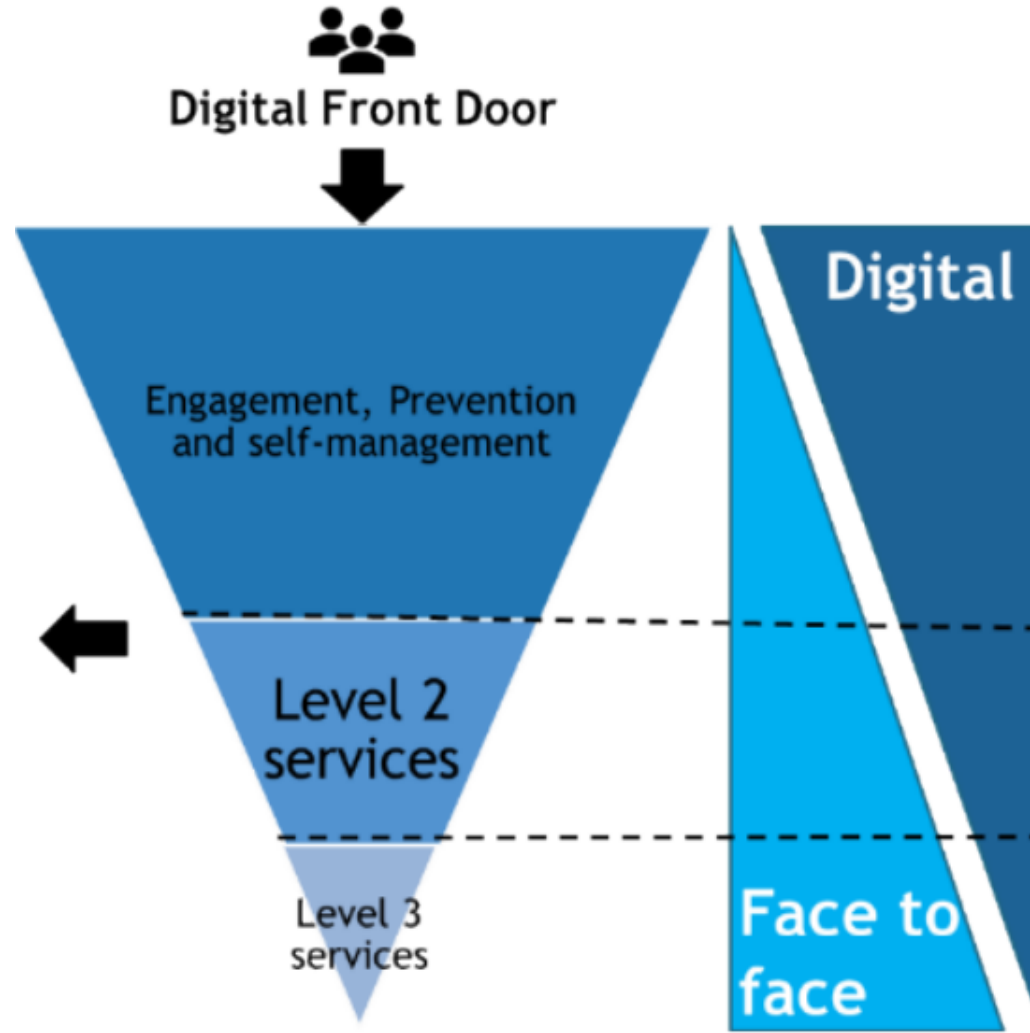
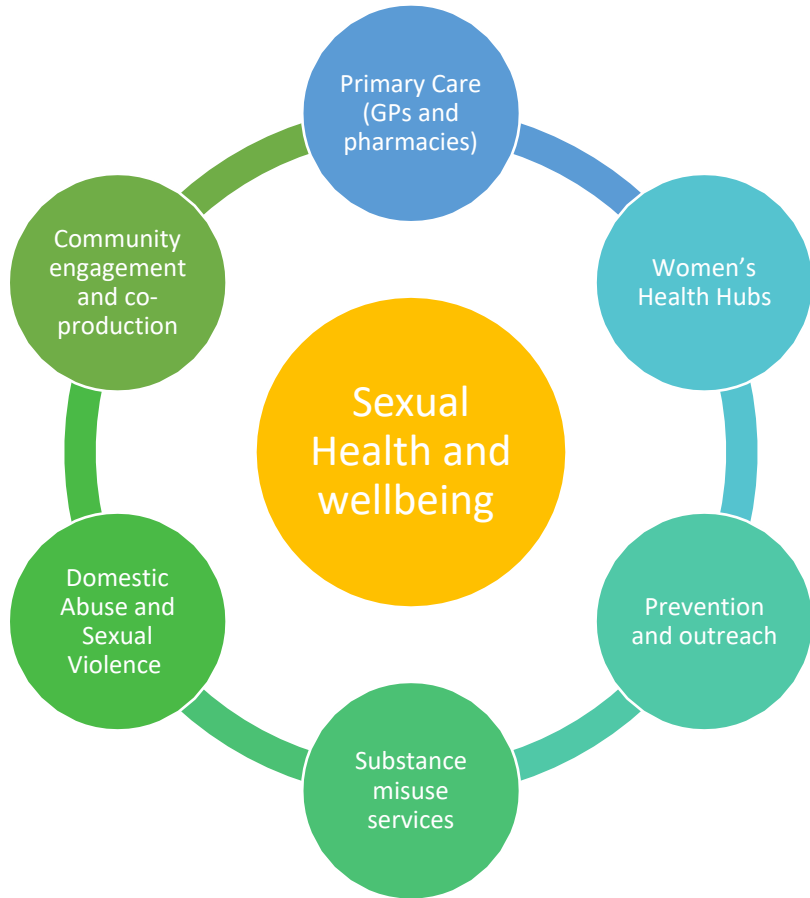
Gaps in awareness of wider sexual health system

Variations in Sexual health training

Barriers to access, particularly traditional service pathways

Plans for recommissioning

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