

Bath & North East Somerset Council

MEETING:	Cabinet	
MEETING DATE:	14 September 2011	EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE:
		E 2304
TITLE:	Proposed placement of Medi vend at Peasedown Youth Centre	
WARD:	Peasedown	
AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM		
List of attachments to this report: Appx 1: Briefing sheet Appx 2: Equalities impact assessment		

1 THE ISSUE

The Youth Service is proposing to put a Medi-Vend machine into Peasedown Youth Hub.

Peasedown is a large village situated 7 miles outside Bath it is rurally isolated although served by public transport. Although we currently provide sexual health work via the staff based at Peasedown this service would provide a quicker access for young people providing them with an opportunity to access sexual health advice and where appropriate free contraception links to the C-Card scheme which provides the platform in which to do this work.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet agrees that:

- 2.1 Medi-Vend machine will increase the range and quality of sexual health services available to young people; it will enhance delivery and the service provided by Youth Workers, in an area of greatest need.
- 2.2 It will help to protect young people from sexuality transmitted diseases, reduce teenage pregnancy as well as providing information about drugs.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

2.3 Financial implications (statutory requirement).

NHS B&NES will fund the ongoing maintenance costs of the machine with Children's Services Youth Service meeting the ongoing cost of internet access and the electricity. This cost will be absorbed into the general running costs of the building. Insurance costs will be funded by the Youth service and absorbed in to the general running costs of the building.

3 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- *Building communities where people feel safe and secure*
- *Improving life chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people*

4 THE REPORT

NHS B&NES implemented the C-Card scheme in 2005 and became SAFE branded in 2009. The C-Card scheme forms part of the NHS B&NES and B&NES Council partnership strategy for the reduction of teenage pregnancy and improving access to contraception.

The aim of the C-Card scheme is to provide good quality access to sexual health advice and services and already operates across BANES in all youth centres providing young people aged 13-24 with access to free condoms and sexual health information from a variety of different locations in Bath and North East Somerset. The C-Card scheme forms part of a range of services which aims to decrease sexually transmitted disease and teenage pregnancy as detailed in the Sexual Health for Young People in B&NES strategy (2010).

In short this Medi-Vend machine will increase the quality of delivery and enhance the service provided by Youth Workers, in an area of greatest need. It will help to protect young people from sexuality transmitted diseases, reduce teenage pregnancy as well as providing information about drugs. Evidence tells us that when young people use drugs, including alcohol, risky behaviour increases greatly.

All young people who enter into the C-Card scheme are supported, briefed and trained by staffs that are qualified to reduce the risk of young people gaining access to condoms within the proper support. This scheme would be a pilot within the Youth Service and if successful could be put into other Hubs

5 RISK MANAGEMENT

The report author and Lead Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

6 EQUALITIES

6.1 Yes impact statement has been carried out and is one of the appendices

7 RATIONALE

The medi-vent is a tool for enabling young people to access safe confidential sexual health services, offering good quality information and advice this will lead to the improvement of good sexual health for young people, reduction in teenage pregnancy and abortion rates. The medi-vent adds to the services already provided at Peasedown and is complimentary to the delivery program.

8 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

NONE

9 CONSULTATION

9.1 *Ward Councillor; Cabinet members; Youth Council;*

9.2 HOW: Consultation will be carried out by discussing the proposal with the above groups and sending the proposal to them for comment.(mandatory)

10 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

10.1 *Social Inclusion Resources; Property; Young People; Human Rights;*

11 ADVICE SOUGHT

11.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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Background papers	<i>Sexual health policy and procedures</i> <i>SAFE policy and program</i>
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