

DH policy documents

- New government:** "rebuild the NHS"
- Policy direction:** focus on sexual health
- Sexual health strategy:** modernise services=priority
- Public health strategy:** fast-tracks NCSP rollout

National reviews (sexual health)

Recommends:
£££ for chlamydia diagnostics

Recommends:
screen ♂ outside NHS

NCSP plans

Expert Group on chlamydia set up

Expert Group: recommends opportunistic screening

- focus on ♀
- deliver through 1° care

NCSP announced: To be introduced in Phases

Screening expanded to ♂ & new services

National rollout due, coverage targets set:

- NCSP: 15%
- NCSP: 17%
- NCSP & non NCSP: 25%



NCSP delivery

Pilots: >50% uptake in 1° care; 11% infected

Phase 1: 10 areas
Uptake low in 1°care

Phase 2: 26 areas
Uptake low in 1°care

National rollout achieved

Coverage: 4.9% 15.9% 22.1%
(inc nonNCSP nonGUM)

Evidence

- RCT (USA):** "↓ pelvic inflammatory disease (PID)"
- Obs (Sweden):** "↓ PID & ectopic pregnancy"
- RCT (Denmark):** "↓ PID"
- NICE review (England):** biases in early trials may overestimate benefits
- Obs (US):** screening does not ↓ chlamydia
- RCT (England):** PID ↓ not significant
- Obs: (Sweden):** chlamydia harms "lower than expected"
- Economic eval: (England)** screening "not cost-effective"

Reviews find:
NCSP not value for money

National reviews (NCSP)

Diagnoses in women (16-24y):

