

CODE OF PRACTICE

This Code of Practice is between _____ and the Sexual Health Team at Bedfordshire Community Health Services.

Condom distribution is designed to meet the following aims:

- To promote condom use to the target audience - those sexually active aged 25 and under
- To contribute to the reduction of unintended teenage pregnancy and parenthood
- To contribute to the reduction of sexually transmitted infections (STIs), including HIV/AIDS
- To strengthen the local network of sexual health services in Bedfordshire to help improve access to information and advice.

Each member of staff signing up to the Undercover Condom Distribution Scheme agrees to the following:

- They are aware of the Undercover Terms and Conditions (these will be held by someone in the senior management team).
- Aware of their organisations child protection procedures and confidentiality policy.
- All young people will be given a condom demonstration on their first visit. (Please refer to the [condom fact sheet](#) and [the good practice checklist](#)). This should be repeated every 6 months or if the young person has informed the member of staff that they had a condom split.
- Talk about Emergency Hormonal Contraception if a condom fails or if one wasn't used at all. Remind the young person that they have three days (72 hours) in which to take Emergency Hormonal Contraception, but the sooner it's taken the more effective it is.
- A clear confidentiality statement should be displayed in a place that is visible and accessible to young people.
- Consideration should be given to the age and understanding of the young person seeking the service to assess whether they are at risk (Reference to the use of Fraser guidelines should be made in the organisations confidentiality policy and we would recommend the organisation is aware of the Local Safeguarding Children's Board website (www.bedfordshirelscb.org.uk) In the consultation staff should take the young persons lead, not impose their own views about sexual matters.
- Signposting to local sexual health services and local sexual health resources - such as the A-Z of Sexual Health and the Undercover Website.
- There should be a named lead that takes full responsibility for the scheme within the organisation.
- The member of staff will need to have their own internal auditing procedures (e.g. Recording gender, D.O.B, number of condoms given, leaflets given.)
- To co-operate with any locally agreed Health Improvement led assessment of the service user experience
- Staff involved in the scheme will attend any future updates/ training.
- If there are any enquiries by the media concerning the Undercover scheme to contact Bedfordshire Community Health Services (Vicki Francis) for a co-ordinated response.

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| Organisation: | _____ | <i>Bedfordshire Community Health Services</i> |
| Lead name: | _____ | <i>Vicki Francis</i> |
| Job title: | _____ | <i>Health Improvement Specialist</i> |
| Signed: | _____ | _____ |