



Joint Working Executive Summary

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Project title	Brook Contraceptive Services Expansion Project
Project partners	Bayer plc Brook Young People
Project summary	<p>Bayer have been approached by Brook to form a joint working partnership that will enable Brook to transform its contraception services across the UK by including the means to offer intrauterine methods of contraception (IUC – IU Systems & IU Devices) to ensure that the full range of contraceptive choices are available to patients.</p> <p>Brook identified gaps in the range of contraceptive offerings that they are able to make available to patients and in the training of their healthcare professionals. They would like to ensure that going forwards they are able to provide a full range of contraceptive methods to ensure that patients receive information and access on the full choice. The aim of the joint working project is to develop:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• An IUC fitting service available for patients in each of the existing Brook existing services and any new services• Patient pathways and signposting to ensure access to fitting services for all long acting reversible (LARC) methods (including intrauterine methods) when chosen or required• A welcoming environment where women can make an informed choice after positive counselling and receiving information on a full range of contraceptive methods (including intrauterine methods for contraception and emergency contraception)• A range of face to face and on line training to equip HCPs to provide LARCs (including IUC) as a contraceptive offering• Training for Brook’s education staff to educate young people about LARCs (including IUC) as a contraceptive offering
Expected benefits to patients, the NHS and Bayer	<p>Patient Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Patients will be seen in the right place at the right time in premises that are welcoming and well equipped• The patient will be seen by a healthcare professional or counsellor who has been trained on offering all methods of contraception• When choosing their contraceptive method patients will receive counselling and information on the whole range of contraceptive options including the full range of LARCs

	<p>NHS Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All patients will have access to the option of LARC (including IUC) as a choice of contraception in line with NICE guidelines • Access to full range of LARC (including IUC) methods that suit that patient's choice should result in a reduction in unplanned pregnancies and a reduction in the number of terminations • Cost savings through reduced number of referrals to secondary care <p>Bayer Benefits:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Patients access to choice in treatment in line with national guidelines including NICE guidance on LARC. Bayer manufacture intrauterine methods of LARC and therefore supporting a strategic increase in IUC provision will potentially benefit the company • Better understanding of Brook service and how to manage the under 25s contraceptive needs • Recognised as a trusted partner working with an NHS commissioned organisation
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