

## ST1: Targeted Work-particular groups

**Area:** Liverpool

**Lead:** Brook

**Brief Overview:** One to one outreach work in community settings with vulnerable young people. A session was provided in a children's unit with a young person who was engaging in risky sexual behaviour.



**Target Group:** Looked after Children.

**Outcomes:** Referral to Brook's main clinic which led to placement of Long Acting Reversible Contraception (LARC).



**Evaluation:** The member of staff at this unit advised they felt supported with this issue and the young person had been able to access future contraception which she previously hadn't been accessing, which could have resulted in an unwanted pregnancy.

**Sustainability:** All venues who have engaged in this service have felt the young people have a need for the provision, although a lot more work is required to educate the young people to understand the need or want to access it.

**What made it work?** Partnership working is extremely important, when liaising with venues a key contact is critical to ensure the success of the service. When your advocate understands the importance of what is trying to be achieved and has a good relationship with the young person to give them the confidence to attend a consultation, this is when we see greatest results.

**What could make it work better?** A greater understanding of the bigger picture when accepting Brooks attendance at a venue, on a number of occasions when we arrive there has been little or no communication between members of staff or the young person maybe completely unaware we are attending to visit them. This results in a waste of resources to the funders and the young person not utilising a service they could benefit from and potentially loss of trust of the young person.

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