

NHS Standard Contract - SCHEDULE 2 – THE SERVICES

IUCD for Menorrhagia/Hormone Replacement Therapy Service Specification

Service Specification No.	
Service	Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device / System (IUCD/S) for Menorrhagia/Hormone Replacement Therapy
Commissioner Lead	Dr Sophie Holden, GP Lead for Primary Care
Provider Lead	As signed
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1. Population Needs

1.1 Context

This Service Specification is for Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device / System (IUCD/S) fitting for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy (HMB/HRT). The General Practitioner shall incorporate national and local guidance in order to promote best practice in service development.

In Rotherham not all GP Practices currently fit and remove IUCD/S. An Inter-Practice Referral Service is acceptable to extend access, and improve choice and waiting times to those women who select IUCD/S as treatment for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy but are registered with a GP Practice in the Rotherham area who cannot offer an on-site IUCD/S service.

1.2 Aims and Objectives of the Service

In commissioning this service, Rotherham Place intends to provide improved access to IUCD/S for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy for all women registered with a Rotherham GP Practice.

2. Outcomes

2.1 NHS Outcomes Framework Domains & Indicators

Domain 1	Preventing people from dying prematurely	N/A
Domain 2	Enhancing quality of life for people with long-term conditions	Yes
Domain 3	Helping people to recover from episodes of ill-health or following injury	Yes
Domain 4	Ensuring people have a positive experience of care	Yes
Domain 5	Treating and caring for people in safe environment and protecting them from avoidable harm	N/A

3. Scope

3.1 Requirements

The Provider shall deliver an Intra-Uterine Contraceptive Device / System (IUCD/S) Fitting Service as specified below:

3.1.1 Fit, monitor and remove IUCD/S as appropriate for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy. Service users must not be referred to Rotherham Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS) or Gynaecology for this service unless it is clinically appropriate i.e. coil insertion failed within a primary care setting.

3.1.2 Produce and maintain an up-to-date register of service users fitted with an IUCD/S. This will include all Service Users fitted with an IUCD/S and the type of device fitted. This is to be used for audit purposes.

3.1.3 The Provider should create an appropriate clinical record for each referred patient which provides the clinical information required for IUCD/S insertion, removal and replacement.

3.1.4 The Provider is expected to counsel and undertake an assessment of eligibility for proposed IUCD/S and obtain patient's consent to the procedure before fitting.

3.1.5 Provision of information; written information should be provided at the time of counselling with information on symptoms that require urgent assessment and information on the length of use of device.

3.1.6 Six-week post-fitting coil check and annual check of IUCD/S is not required under current FSRH guidance. However it is recognised that a check may be required if a woman is unable to feel her threads or for other complications such as abnormal pain or bleeding post-fitting. These must be assessed urgently by the Provider and such reviews are included in the payment tariff. Arrangements should be in place for the Provider to ensure timely access for women experiencing problems directly relating to IUCD/S fitting. Post-fitting coils check appointments will be triggered by the patient for any potential concerns/complications they may have. The care delivered is at the clinicians discretion.

3.1.7 This service specification does not include follow ups relating to contraception. Payment will not be made for the use of LNG-IUS (e.g. Mirena) for contraceptive purposes.

3.2 Service Delivery

The provider will be required to develop, implement, monitor and review the clinical quality of the service that they undertake. All service providers will undertake a risk assessment to ensure adequate facilities and equipment are in place to deliver the service and identify the resources available to support the service. Equipment required for IUCD/S fitting and removal will not be provided by Rotherham Place.

3.3 Accreditation and Training

3.3.1 In order to remain accredited as a provider it is essential that Practitioners (both doctors and nurses) undertaking this procedure hold up to date FSRH letter of competency (LoC) in IUCD/S insertion and removal. If a Practitioner holds a Local Certificate of Equivalent Competence, they will be required to achieve FSRH letter of competency.

Please refer to:

[Education & Training | FSRH](#) For information on local training available and costs contact Dr Naomi Sutton at TRFT Integrated Sexual Health Service (ISHS).

3.3.2 Those who are experienced practitioners currently fitting LARC without FSRH LoC, under the previous contract held by the Rotherham Borough Council, are encouraged to obtain the FSRH LoC. This can be achieved via the “experienced practitioner” route. Please refer to <https://www.fsrh.org/education-and-training> / for further information.

An alternative for those experienced fitters who wish to continue providing LARC without the formal FSRH LoC must provide evidence of the following:

- At least 2 CPD credits relevant to Sexual and Reproductive Health in the last 5 years
- Either a certificate of completion of the e-SRH module 17 (for SDI) and e-SRH module 18 (for IUD) Or FSRH approved distance learning e.g. latest CEU SDI guidance and self-assessment questions
- An evidence Log of procedures
- A minimum of 12 coil insertions in the preceding 12 months (and on annual basis thereafter). These can be for the purpose of either contraception, menorrhagia or hormone replacement therapy.

3.3.3 Please note this will be the practitioner’s responsibility to maintain this portfolio of evidence and we reserve the right to cancel the contract if this information cannot be supplied on request.

- Each individual Practitioner who is providing the service within the GP Practice is required to insert a minimum of 12 IUCD/S per year for the purpose of either contraception, menorrhagia or hormone replacement therapy (as per FSRH Guidelines).
- A Healthcare Assistant is also recommended to assist the clinician during the procedure.
- Evidence of appropriate training and accreditation should be obtained prior to commencing service provision and evidence of recertification may be requested.
- Practitioners should undertake regular Continuing Professional Development (CPD) and recertify with the FSRH every 5 years in accordance with FSRH guidance for recertification.
- The Provider shall inform Rotherham Place promptly when there is a change in GP Practice employees that will affect the delivery of the service and succession planning should be in place for employee turnover.

3.3.4 The provider shall ensure that there is a robust system of reporting adverse incidents or serious untoward incidents, that all incidents are documented, investigated and followed up with appropriate action and that any lessons learned from incidents are shared across the GP Practice.

3.4 Reporting Achievement

Practices will submit a quarterly data report to Rotherham Place via the Ardens Manager System. As a minimum, this data set will include:

- Number of IUCD/S fitted
- Number of IUCD/S removed
- How long had the removed IUCD/S been in situ
- Reporting of significant events (e.g. perforated uterus) and analysis in relation to IUCD/S service

If no patients have been seen, a nil return must be made.

3.5 Remuneration

Payment will be made as follows:

£98.42 per fit of IUCD/S for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy
£24.59 per IUCD/S for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy post fitting complication/advice appointment
£24.59 per IUCD/S for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy removal appointment
£123.01 per replacement of IUCD/S for menorrhagia/hormone replacement therapy

Activity claims will be payable quarterly on receipt of data return. Where Practices fail to report activity, they will not receive payment.

Claims cannot be submitted for the fitting of an IUCD/S for contraceptive purposes, even if the patient has also presented with menorrhagia or requesting hormone replacement therapy. These claims should be submitted via the IUCD contraceptive claims process.

Claims cannot be submitted for any post fitting complication/advice or removal appointments where the device has been fitted for contraceptive purposes.

Consequences for late submission of activity data:

- 1 – 7 days: 5% of payment
- 8 – 14 days: 10% of payment and payment won't be released until the next payment run
- 15 – 21 days: 50% of payment and payment won't be released until the next payment run
- Submissions received after 21 days (3 weeks) will receive no payment.

A reminder by email will be sent out at least one week prior to submission date. It is the responsibility of the provider to ensure that any changes to contact details for the provider lead/ practice manager are notified to the GP Commissioning team.

In the event of unforeseen exceptional circumstances e.g. unplanned admission to hospital, there is scope for Rotherham Place to process a payment without precedent. It is however a provider responsibility to put in place sufficient contingency arrangements to ensure activity is submitted by the date specified.

If Rotherham Place makes a payment to a provider under the LES and:

- a) The provider was not entitled to receive all or part thereof, whether because it did not meet the entitlement conditions for the payment **or because the payment was calculated incorrectly** (including where a payment on account overestimates the amount that is to fall due);or
- b) Rotherham Place was entitled to withhold all or part of the payment because of a breach of a condition attached to the payment, but is unable to do so because the money has already been paid,
then Rotherham Place is entitled to repayment of all or part of the money paid.

Any suspicions of fraud will be referred to the ICB's Counter Fraud Specialist for further investigation. It is important to recognise that claiming for procedures that do not fall within the service specification may constitute fraud and will be referred to the ICBs Counter Fraud Specialist for further investigation.

3.6 Audit – Compliance with the Scheme

Practices may be selected at random for audit (and also if the GP for Primary Care identifies any potential irregularities). Practices selected for audit are required to work with the auditors to demonstrate to them that all parts of the scheme have been complied with.

3.7 Termination

All Local Enhanced Services will be subject to regular review in line with the development of Primary Care Networks (PCNs).

The provider and/or Rotherham Place may give three months written notice to terminate the service for reasons other than those outlined above.