

## **Policy : School Nurse Pregnancy Testing Shaftesbury School and Sports College**

This document sets out the proposed protocols for the School Nurse for working in Shaftesbury School. As approved by the governors on 7 December 2009 and further through meetings with David Booth Headteacher, Julia Linsley Sexual Health Co-Ordinator and School Nurse Manuela Leroy ( NHS Dorset PCT).

This policy has been written in consultation with school staff, NHS PCT, Staff and students and parents.

**Policy Aims:** To provide a clear structure and service for students in school to gain professional and confidential health advice regarding sexual health matters in order to support students in their positive life choices; reduce teenage pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections as part of the National Programme to reduce Teenage Pregnancy and incidence of STI's. This policy offers a wrap around Extended Service for students and parents with the Every Child Matters Outcomes and Child Protection Issues as a priority.

### **The School Nurse will:**

- Meet with students in private in school. A referral system by all staff is set up & advertised across the school by Julia Linsley Sexual Health Co-ordinator. All staff have access to the school Nurse mobile number and can refer and request a meeting / advice *at any time* beyond the scheduled School Nurse Drop -In times
- The School Nurse may sign out students as agreed by Headteacher. A confidential protocol exists where the Head's PA will be contacted by the School Nurse and, if she is not available, Julia Linsley and Heads of House are the named points of reference as is the Head of Barton Hill Boarding House.
- The confidentiality of the students will be highly respected. However, where child protection issues arise, the school nurse will follow the Child Protection procedures as stated by North Dorset PCT & work with the Child Protection Officer in school.
- All work will happen within the Fraser Guidelines. (Copy attached)
- The school nurse and, if involved any School staff, will encourage students at every stage to talk with their parents and will be willing to make home visits to assist in this if required or to meet in school if this is felt to be more appropriate
- Where necessary, a referral will be made to outside agencies: eg.  
General practitioner  
Youth Advisory Service  
Contraceptive Services – 01305 267141
- The School Nurse will be available for Student Self Referral through a Drop-in Service in school, to be held outside of lesson times at lunchtimes using a designated office in the former Time Out Room. (Venue may change as appropriate but venue needs to be Private, Confidential and widely advertised to the student body)
- The school Nurse will arrange additional appointments with student and/or parents/carers and guardians as required.
- If a student is seen by the school nurse there will *a/ways* be an offer of a follow up appointment in the spirit of wrap around care and child protection

- The School Nurse will give a range of appropriate advice and will signpost services but *will not* administer contraceptives on the school site.
- *The school nurse may perform pregnancy tests on site.*
- The school nurse will give results directly to the female student, *in confidence*, on site. If the test is positive, the School Nurse will encourage the student to inform her Parents/Guardians/ Carers/ Boarding House, offering support as necessary, and will refer the students to the Pregnancy Advisory Clinic. Here, the student will be seen by a social worker, nurse and doctor and will be given ongoing support to enable the under-16 student to make a decision regarding the pregnancy.
- This policy will be monitored, reviewed and agreed by Governors and the NHS PCT School Nurse bi-annually.

Appendix

Current postholders:

Sexual Health Coordinator: Julia Linsley

School Nurse: Manuela Leroy

Head's PA: Jane Hibberd

Child Protection Officer: Stuart Ferguson (Deputy Head  
Ann Yates (RAD)