Testwood School
Get It On (GIO) Condom Scheme Policy

Key Responsibility	TW
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Revision History

Version	Date	Amendments	Initials
1.0	07.01.25	New draft policy	TW

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1. Introduction

Testwood aim to work alongside local and Hampshire schools to implement the GIO Condom Scheme Policy

Hampshire Schools and Colleges in collaboration and with the support from the NHS Sexual Health Team and Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Public Health, are actively working to inform young people about the rising prevalence of Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and the crucial steps they can take to protect their sexual health and well-being. As part of our commitment and proactive stance to this Public Health priority to reduce STIs, noting the National and local rise in STIs Schools and Colleges are participating in the Hampshire County Council, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton City Council Get It On (GIO) condom scheme, which provides free condoms to young people aged 13-25. In collaboration with other Secondary Schools, we have created a Hampshire wide shared policy regarding the GIO scheme within Schools and Colleges.

2. Aims and Objectives

To equip young people with the knowledge and resources to make informed decisions regarding their sexual health and wellbeing.

- To increase access to free condoms for young people.
- To reduce the risk of unplanned pregnancy and acquisition of sexually transmitted infections (STIs).
- To promote responsible sexual behaviour and decision-making.
- To create a safe and supportive environment for young people to discuss sexual health.
- To support a key Public Health priority to reduce STI prevalence and reduce teenage conception rates.

3. Eligibility

- This policy applies to all students in Hampshire Schools and Colleges aged 13-25 who have signed up to the GIO Condom Scheme.
- Students can access free condoms from trained staff members who have attended the GIO training provided by the Sexual Health Promotion Team in partnership with Hampshire County Council Public Health. This is a 1:1 meeting during which a confidential questionnaire will be completed. Ensuring any safeguarding concerns are raised and shared to support the young person. Fraser Guidelines will be completed.
- Inclusivity – provision must respect diverse cultural, religious and personal values, ensuring services are available to all students regardless of their gender, sexuality, or background.

4. Confidentiality and Consent

- All interactions regarding the GIO scheme will be conducted in strict confidence.
- Students will be informed about confidentiality and safeguarding policies at the outset and their consent will be obtained before any condoms are provided.
- Student records will be kept securely and in accordance with data protection regulations and in line with safeguarding policy. This will be explained to the student.
- Safeguarding will be in place using mini CERAF (CSERQ4 https://hipsprocedures.org.uk/qkyyoy/children-in-specific-circumstances/children-who-are-exploited/#s4982) and Fraser guidelines.

5. Provision of Condoms

- Condoms will be provided in a discreet and non-judgmental manner.
- Trained staff will provide information about the correct and consistent use of condoms. This will include Consent and STI prevention as well as signposting to Sexual Health services
- Trained staff will also provide information about other contraceptive options and where to access further support and advice.
- Optional for schools/colleges that provide this (Pregnancy testing, pregnancy option and support).
- Schools will work with Sexual Health Services to provide unbiased information about their pregnancy options

6. Education and Awareness

- The schools will integrate information about the GIO scheme into the Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) curriculum. Young people will receive age-appropriate sexual health education alongside resource provision.
- Information about the scheme will be made available to students through posters, leaflets, and online resources.
- Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Public Health support the delivery of a condom distribution scheme delivered to young people under the Get It On (GIO) scheme

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Guidelines, following the successful completion of Relationships and Sex Education and Condom Distribution Training delivered by the NHS Sexual Health Service.
- Further guidance can be found at www.letstalkaboutit.nhs.uk
- Education on Consent and respect – looking after your own and your partners sexual health

7. Monitoring and Review

- The schools will regularly monitor the uptake of the GIO scheme. Feedback from staff and students will inform policy improvements.

- Personal identifiable information data is not required to be shared when completing monitoring forms which are sent to the Sexual Health Service to enable more condoms to be ordered.
- This policy will be reviewed annually with participating schools and Colleges and the Sexual Health Team and Hampshire County Council to ensure its effectiveness, its alignment with best practices and to address any emerging issues.

8. Parental Engagement

- Parents will be informed about the policy whilst respecting students' rights to confidentiality.
- All interactions with students must prioritize confidentiality, except in cases where safeguarding concerns arise.

- Schools and Colleges will follow the local safeguarding protocols when sensitive disclosures are made.

9. Collaboration with Other Schools

- Schools and Colleges will collaborate together to share best practices, resources, and data regarding the GIO scheme. This collaboration will aim to maximise the impact of the scheme across the Hampshire region.

10. Data Sharing

- Data sharing between participating schools will be limited to anonymised and aggregated data for the purpose of monitoring the scheme's effectiveness and identifying areas for improvement.
- All data sharing will comply with relevant data protection legislation and be in line with safeguarding policy.

11. Disclaimer

- The provision of condoms through the GIO scheme does not imply Hampshire schools and colleges endorsement of sexual activity. Want to support young people to access information and advice on sexual health whilst not promoting sexual activity.
- The schools and Colleges encourage young people to make informed decisions about their sexual health and relationships.

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12. Note from Commissioners

Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Portsmouth and Southampton Sexual Health Commissioners support the delivery of a condom distribution scheme delivered to young people under the Get It On (GIO) scheme Guidelines, following the successful completion of Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare NHS Foundation Trusts Relationships and Sex Education and Condom Distribution Training.

Condom distribution should be delivered alongside high-quality Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) and in line with the organisations RSE and safeguarding policies. Evidence shows that high quality RSE will delay first sexual activity and the provision of condoms alongside high quality RSE, teaching topics that are timely, relevant and age appropriate will reduce teenage pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections and enable young people to make informed decisions about relationships and their sexual health.

Supporting young people to develop safe, healthy relationships and prevent unplanned pregnancy is key to enabling them to fulfil their aspirations and potential[i]

Young people are disproportionately affected by Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs). Increasing levels of chlamydia diagnosis among people aged 15-24 years will be partly due to ongoing high levels of condomless sex[ii]. Consistent and correct condom use is highly effective in preventing transmission of STIs, HIV, and unplanned pregnancy.

[i] Teenage Pregnancy Prevention Framework
[ii] Summary profile of local authority sexual health Hampshire report 30.1.2024

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