

FSRH Submission to Public Accounts Committee inquiry into Sustainability and Transformation in the NHS

In 2016 FSRH submitted a response to a Call for Evidence from the Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS.

We have chosen to refer the Public Accounts Committee to the same response in their inquiry into Sustainability and Transformation in the NHS. This is due to the evidence and recommendations we made in our 2016 submission, remaining highly relevant to the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry. This submission can be found [here](#)¹.

The Faculty does however make clear that the evidence and points we have made in our previous submission are strengthened further by three key reports that have since been published. These are:

- ▶ [Sexual and Reproductive Health, Time to Act](#) (RCGP, July 2017)²
- ▶ [Private lives, Public Health: the changing shape of Contraceptive services in England post 2013](#) (AGC, December 2016)³
- ▶ [Cuts, closure and contraception](#) (AGC, November 2017)⁴

Each report is essential to refer to, providing strong and well evidenced recommendations of concern to the Public Accounts Committee's inquiry.

In addition, we would like to make clear that the point made in this submission for Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) to be made statutory has now become redundant and should be omitted from our response. The Faculty welcome the 2017 Government decision to make RSE statutory. We do however strongly maintain our support for PHSE to receive equal, statutory status and for both RSE and PHSE to receive high quality investment.

¹FSRH submission to Call for Evidence from the Select Committee on the Long term sustainability of the NHS (September,2016) <https://www.fsrh.org/news/fsrh-submission-to-call-for-evidence-from-the-select-committee/>

² Sexual and Reproductive Health: Time to Act (RCGP, July 2017) <http://www.rcgp.org.uk/policy/rcgp-policy-areas/maternity-care.aspx>

³Private lives, Public Health: the changing shape of Contraceptive services in England post 2013 (AGC, December 2016) <http://theagc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/12/Private-lives-public-health-Final.pdf>

⁴ Cuts, closure and contraception (AGC, November 2017) http://theagc.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/AGC_Report-Final-2017.pdf