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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2013 No. 351**

**The Local Authorities (Public Health  
Functions and Entry to Premises by Local  
Healthwatch Representatives) Regulations 2013**

**PART 2**

**PUBLIC HEALTH FUNCTIONS**

**Sexual health services**

6.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (4) and (5), each local authority shall provide, or shall make arrangements to secure the provision of, open access sexual health services in its area—

- (a) by exercising the public health functions of the Secretary of State to make arrangements for contraceptive services under paragraph 8 of Schedule 1 to the Act (further provision about the Secretary of State and services); and
- (b) by exercising its functions under section 2B of the Act—
  - (i) for preventing the spread of sexually transmitted infections;
  - (ii) for treating, testing and caring for people with such infections; and
  - (iii) for notifying sexual partners of people with such infections.

(2) In paragraph (1), references to the provision of open access services shall be construed to mean services that are available for the benefit of all people present in the local authority's area.

(3) In exercising the functions in relation to the provision of contraceptive services under paragraph (1)(a), each local authority shall ensure that the following is made available—

- (a) advice on, and reasonable access to, a broad range of contraceptive substances and appliances; and
- (b) advice on preventing unintended pregnancy.

(4) The duty of the local authority under paragraph (1)(a) does not include a requirement to offer to any person services relating to a procedure for sterilisation or vasectomy, other than the giving of preliminary advice on the availability of those procedures as an appropriate method of contraception for the person concerned.

(5) The duty of the local authority under paragraph (1)(b) does not include a requirement to offer services for treating or caring for people infected with Human Immunodeficiency Virus.