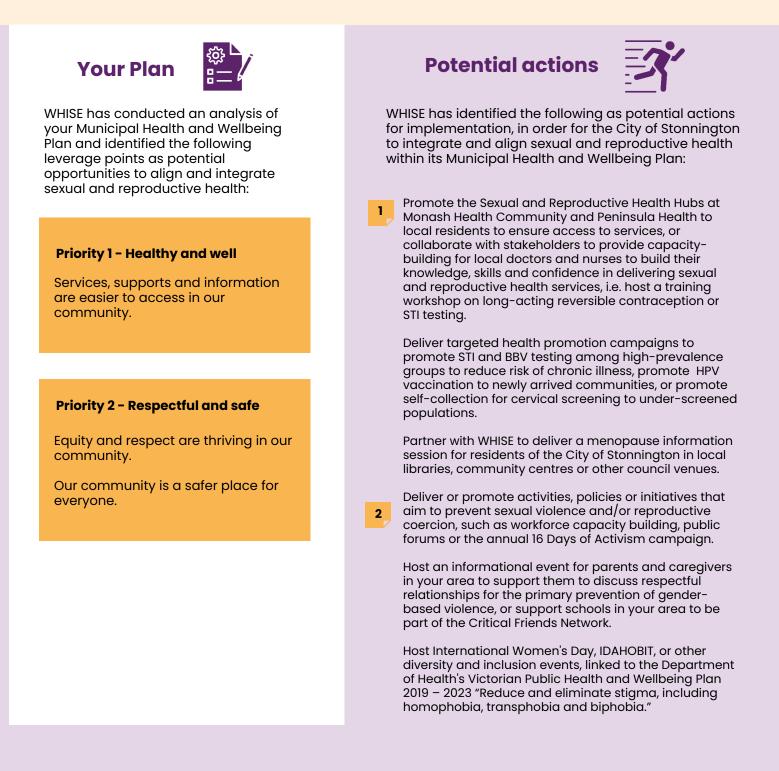
CITY OF STONNINGTON



Integrating Sexual & Reproductive Health in Local Government Health & Wellbeing

This resource has been designed to support the City of Stonnington to integrate and align sexual and reproductive health promotion and activities within its Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and annual Action Plans as relevant.



What is SRH?



Sexual health is a state of physical, emotional, mental and social wellbeing in relation to sexuality; it is not merely the absence of disease, dysfunction or infirmity.

Sexual health requires a positive and respectful approach to sexuality and sexual relationships...,

~ World Health Organization

What does SRH include?

Sexual and reproductive health incorporates a range of issues and services, including but not limited to:

- Respectful relationships and prevention of gender-based violence
- Cervical screening
- 0000000 Vaccinations
 - Contraception
 - Sexually transmissible infections
 - Blood borne viruses
 - Fertility and pregnancy
 - Chronic reproductive health issues
 - Endometriosis
 - Polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS)
 - Menopause
 - Menstruation
 - Abortion

Who is WHISE?



Women's Health in the South East (WHISE) is an intersectional feminist health promotion agency working in the Southern Metropolitan Region to promote gender equity, prevent violence against women, improve sexual and reproductive health, and mental health and wellbeing.

Local data analysis



Sexual and reproductive health outcomes vary considerably across the Southern Metropolitan Region. While there are complex factors that contribute to health and wellbeing outcomes, one of the main social determinants of sexual and reproductive health outcomes is the availability of affordable, high-quality and accessible services.

A comprehensive report of available sexual and reproductive health data for each local government area is available via the Victorian Women's Health Atlas.

However, at a high-level, residents of the City of Stonnington require:



Increased access to doctors and pharmacists who will prescribe and dispense medical abortion, as access to these services is lower than the Victorian average.



Increased access to long-acting reversible contraception through healthcare providers, as Implanon uptake is lower than the Victoria average.



Targeted health promotion and access to testing and treatment for sexually transmissible infections and blood borne viruses, as syphilis, HIV, gonorrhoea and chlamydia prevalence is higher than the Victorian average.

The development of this resource is part of the implementation of WHISE's four-year regional sexual and reproductive health strategy, Good Health Down South 2021 -2025 and Year Three and Four Action Plan (Action 2.2).

Contact



For more information on WHISE's work in sexual and reproductive health, or for support to integrate sexual and reproductive health in your Municipal Health and Wellbeing Plan and annual Action Plans, please contact WHISE's Sexual and Reproductive Health Lead, Laura Riccardi via email: lriccardi@whise.org.au.