

Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

3 September 2019

**Chairman's Announcement
Sexual Health Service Procurement**

Tackling sexual and reproductive health inequality has been a priority in Wiltshire for many years. Improving sexual health and wellbeing presents a significant challenge for public health and the wider health and social care system, as well as for the individuals who experience poor health outcomes as a result of a sexually transmitted infection (STIs), blood borne viruses (BBVs) or an unplanned pregnancy.

Wiltshire Council is the statutory commissioner of a comprehensive integrated sexual health services including contraception services and sexually transmitted infections testing, diagnosis and treatment. The current contract for the existing service expires on 31 March 2020 and there is now the requirement to commission further service provision as of 01 April 2020.

A report is going to Cabinet in September 2019 seeking recognition of the requirement to commission a integrated sexual health and contraceptive service for Wiltshire residents and to agree delegated responsibility for awarding the contract to the new service provider to the Director of Public Health in consultation with the cabinet member for public health and public protection.

Officers are available to provide a briefing to members of the Health Select Committee who would like further information on this report prior to consideration by Cabinet on 17 September 2019. If you are interested in further briefing please contact Steve Maddern, Public Health Consultant, steve.maddern@wiltshire.gov.uk