Wiltshire Council

Health Select Committee

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Chairman's Announcement Sexual Health and Blood Borne Virus Strategy Update

In May 2018, the Health and Wellbeing Board approved the Wiltshire sexual health and blood borne virus strategy. The document recognises that there is no single solution to achieving positive sexual and contraceptive health and that to be successful we need to rely on a partnership approach between commissioners and providers and wider partner agencies across Wiltshire. Underpinning the strategy is an implementation plan split into three strategic priorities: prevention, diagnosis and treatment.

An update was provided to the HWBB in January 2019 highlighting the good progress has been made in regard to the implementation of the strategy since adoption, however further work is required to drive the strategy forward in the remaining year of the strategy. The strategy is now entering its final year and a proposal for next steps will be going to the Health and Wellbeing Board in September 2019.

Post-strategy options include: renewal of the current strategy, development of a new strategy or looking at a broader 'legacy' action plan. Each of these options will ensure continued good practice, addressing gaps in service and reviewing the outcome measures we use to determine local successes.

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 Health and Wellbeing Board on 26 September. If you are interested in further briefing please contact Steve Maddern, Public Health Consultant, steve.maddern@wiltshire.gov.uk