

OFFICER EXECUTIVE DECISION

SECTION 75 AGREEMENT WITH NHS ENGLAND FOR COMMISSIONING HIV SERVICES

Delegation from Leader and Cabinet and date:	<p>On 14 April 2015 the Cabinet considered a report that sought agreement to enter into a Section 75 agreement with NHS England for the commissioning of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) services. This would allow the Council to commission an integrated sexual health service for Medway including provision of contraception and the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted infections including HIV.</p> <p>It was noted that the Health and Social Care Act 2012 gave upper tier local authorities responsibility for commissioning comprehensive sexual health services including contraception and the testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections as part of their new public health duties. Responsibility for commissioning services for the treatment of HIV remained with the NHS and was part of the specialist commissioning function of NHS England.</p> <p>A section 75 agreement was proposed, with Medway Council as the lead commissioner, to facilitate the commissioning of an integrated sexual health service through a single procurement process and contract.</p> <p>A copy of the report and Record of Decisions is available via the following link http://democracy.medway.gov.uk/ieListDocuments.aspx?CId=115&MId=2964&Ver=4</p> <p>It was agreed that the Director of Public Health, in consultation with the Assistant Director, Legal and Corporate Services and the Portfolio Holder for Adult Services, is given delegated authority to negotiate the terms of the agreement and enter into it on behalf of the Council.</p>
Decision:	A Section 75 agreement with NHS England for the commissioning of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) services has been entered into.
Reasons for Decision	In accordance with the report to Cabinet a Section 75 agreement with NHS England for Medway Council to commission HIV treatment and care services on their behalf would enable the commissioning of an integrated sexual health service for the residents of Medway.
Date of Decision:	5 November 2015
Details of any other options considered and rejected:	The decisions were taken in accordance with the Cabinet report.

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Conflicts of Interest:	Not Applicable.