

Operational Decision Record

5 th December 2022	Decision Reference Number 4795
Decision Title	
Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus) Prevention Decision	
Decision Value	
£104,014	
Revenue or Capital Spend?	
Revenue	
Department	
Public Health	
Contact Officer (Name, job title, and contact details)	
Roz Howie, Programme Director, roz.howie@hotmail.co.uk	
Decision Taken	
<p>1) To grant retrospective approval for the spend of £52,007 from the Public Health Grant for the commissioning of a routine Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV Prevention Service from 1 April 2022 to 31 March 2023. 2) To grant approval for the spend of £52,007 from the Public Health Grant for the commissioning of a routine Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) HIV Prevention Service from 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024. 3) To approve a further variation to the existing Integrated Sexual Health Services (ISHS) Contract with the Nottingham University Hospitals NHS Trust (NUH) to extend the provision of PrEP HIV prevention, in accordance with Article 18.99 of the Contract Procedure Rules.</p>	
Reasons for Decision and Background Information	
<p>Commissioning responsibility is delegated to local authority commissioners of mandatory Sexual Health services. NHS England and NHS Improvement fund the drug costs of a routinely commissioned PrEP service. Further PrEP funding has been received by the Council for the financial years 2022/24. The existing ISHS provider has agreed to continue to provide routine PrEP provision by way of a further 2-year contract variation. This represents a direct award, as it is not currently possible to procure a different provider as the funding is provided specifically for PrEP, which NUH provides through the ISHS contract as they are best placed to do so as the main ISHS provider. The ISHS contract was originally procured compliantly, and the additional funding is under the 10% allowed under Regulation 72. Integrated sexual health services are being recommissioned in 2024 and it is anticipated that funding will become an integral part of the future Public Health Grant award. Future arrangements and decisions will be timely and not require retrospective decisions.</p>	
Other Options Considered and why these were rejected	

Discontinue the provision of PrEP: this option was rejected as the funding specifically for this provision has been received as part of the Public Health Grant.

Reasons why this decision is classified as operational

This decision is being taken within the agreed Public Health Grant budget and functions. The full cost of this service is met from within the Public Health Grant funding, which includes specific funds for PrEP. This decision does not require additional funds outside of this, nor does it commit the Council to activity which is not already being performed.

Additional Information

- **It is recommended that you seek and include finance advice where your decision has financial implications.**

None.

Decision Maker (Name and Job Title)

Lucy Hubber, Director of Public

Scheme of Delegation Reference Number

Reference Number 7

Date Decision Taken

12th December 2022