

Record of operational decision

Decision title:	Decision to evoke the built in extension period of the plus 2 year extension to the Integrated Sexual Health Service contract. From April 1 st 2022 to April 1st 2024.
Date of decision:	September 28 th 2022
Decision maker:	Director of Public Health
Authority for delegated decision:	
Ward:	Countywide
Consultation:	<p>Informal consultation took place with senior members of Public Health, Procurement, Adults & Communities and Legal in 2021. All were in agreement in principal to evoke the extension to the contract for the 2 year period until April 2024. This was to provide stability to the service as well as supporting the investment made by the provider to bring about innovation and changes to the service model to ensure it met the needs of the local population.</p> <p>Consultation did not take place with service users at the time due to the challenges faced by the Covid Pandemic and lockdown restrictions on health services.</p>
Decision made:	Decision to evoke the built in extension period with in the contract of the plus 2 years to the Integrated Sexual Health contract. From April 1 st 2022 to April 1st 2024.
Reasons for decision:	The contract was commissioned in 2019 for a 3 year term with the plus 1 year and a plus 1 year option. The decision to extend the contract will ensure continuity of care for patients especially post covid pandemic when health services have been challenged. The extension will allow the provider to build on their investment to further develop innovation and make changes and new models of working. This will also allow time for the development of a sexual health needs assessment to inform the service redesign when the contract ends in April 2024. This is a mandated service and there has been no break in service delivery.
Highlight any associated risks/finance/legal/equality considerations:	<p>The procurement process built in for a 2 year extension period, so it is Low risk and within the procurement regulations.</p> <p>Low risk of non-service delivery and budget allocated in the Public Health ringed fenced grant as the delivery of sexual health services is a mandated function.</p>
Details of any alternative options considered and rejected:	Terminate the contract - This is not advisable as the delivery of sexual health services within Herefordshire is a mandated function.
Details of any declarations of interest made:	None

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Signed:

Date: 30/9/22

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