

EXECUTIVE DECISION

made by a Cabinet Member



REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN UNDER DELEGATED AUTHORITY BY AN INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER

Executive Decision Reference Number – HASC02 25/26

Decision	
1	Title of decision: Sexual Health GP Locally Enhanced Services Contract 2026-2029
2	Decision maker: Cllr Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)
3	Report author and contact details: Kamal Patel (kamal.patel@plymouth.gov.uk)
4	<p>Decision to be taken:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To approve the award of Sexual Health GP Locally Enhanced Services Contract to General Practice providers in Plymouth from 1st April 2026 for two years, with an option to extend for a further one year; To delegate authority to approve the one year optional extension to the Director of Public Health, where they do not already have authority to do so. <p>The proposed contract is to be awarded to individual GP Practices under the NHS Provider Selection Regime (PSR) – Direct Award Process B. We intend to run an Expression of Interest procurement process as part of our due-diligence approach. The expected maximum contract value over the three-year period is £532,230.</p>
5	<p>Reasons for decision:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council has a duty to provide or commission Sexual Health Services for the local population under the conditions of the Public Health ring-fenced grant. Sexual Health services are currently provided by a specialist provider (Your SHiP) and general practices, through a locally enhanced services (LES) contract.</p> <p>The current contracts for the Sexual Health Primary Care LES is due to expire on 31st March 2026. Commissioning primary care to deliver these services in addition to single specialist providers increases local access and provides choice to patients based on preferences. It also enables the specialist providers to focus on more complex cases, which are not suitable for general (and cheaper) primary care provision. This improves overall cost-effectiveness. £1 spent on long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) in primary care saves the whole system £48 over 10 years (PHE).</p> <p>Improving reproductive health is an important priority for public health. Contraception is key to improved health for women. It is a cost-effective intervention that is essential to family planning.</p> <p>Continuing to commission this service will maintain access to long-acting contraception from GP practices for women in Plymouth. In 2024/25 1,162 women received LARC in primary care for contraception.</p>
6	<p>Alternative options considered and rejected:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Award to a different supplier: Rejected as no other external suppliers are available. The local primary care system is the only provider of GP services.

	2. PCC to deliver the services: Rejected as in house expertise is not appropriate for clinical services. Clinical governance is not in place.													
7	<p>Financial implications and risks:</p> <p>No proposed change in fees from existing budgets are proposed. This contract is a continuation of service and will be funded from revenue through the Public Health ring-fenced grant.</p> <p>Practices will be paid on a pay-by-activity basis with a quarterly returns and monitoring.</p> <p>Annual budget of £137,410 for LARC for contraceptive purposes, and £40,000 for LARC for non-contraceptive purposes. The provision of non-contraceptive LARC is an ICB function, and so the costs for non-contraceptive LARC will be recharged in full to the ICB.</p> <p>Under this contract GPs will be paid in a pay-by-activity basis for providing long-acting reversible contraception (LARC) in the form of intra-uterine devices and subdermal implants.</p> <p>Total budget over three year period: £532,230</p>													
8	<p>Legal Implications:</p> <p>Plymouth City Council has a duty under the Health and Social Care Act 2012 to provide or commission Sexual Health Services for the local population under the conditions of the Public Health ring-fenced grant.</p>													
9	<p>Is the decision a Key Decision? (please contact Democratic Support for further advice)</p> <p>Please type an X into the relevant boxes</p>	<table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Yes</th> <th>No</th> <th>Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million annually</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td><input checked="" type="checkbox"/></td> <td>is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Yes	No	Per the Constitution, a key decision is one which:		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in the case of capital projects and contract awards, results in a new commitment to spend and/or save in excess of £3million in total		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	in the case of revenue projects when the decision involves entering into new commitments and/or making new savings in excess of £1million annually		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	is significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in an area comprising two or more wards in the area of the local authority.
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<p>If yes, date of publication of the notice in the Forward Plan of Key Decisions</p>	N/A													
10	<p>Please specify how this decision is linked to the Council's corporate plan/Plymouth Plan and/or the policy framework and/or the revenue/capital budget:</p>	<p>Contributes to the following aspects of the corporate plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Working with the NHS to provide better access to health, care and dentistry • Providing quality public health services • Focusing on prevention and early intervention <p>Contributes to following aspects of the Plymouth Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEA1: Addressing health inequalities, improving health literacy • HEA2: Delivering the best outcomes for children, young people and families 												

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • HEA8: Delivering accessible health services and clinical excellence
11	Please specify any direct environmental implications of the decision (carbon impact)	None

Urgent decisions

12a	Is the decision urgent and to be implemented immediately in the interests of the Council or the public? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		(If yes, please contact Democratic Support (democraticsupport@plymouth.gov.uk) for advice)
		No	X	(If no, go to section 13a)

12b Reason for urgency:

12c	Scrutiny Chair Signature:		Date	
	Scrutiny Committee name:			
	Print Name:			

Consultation

13a	Are any other Cabinet members' portfolios affected by the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		
		No	X	(If no go to section 14)
13b	Which other Cabinet member's portfolio is affected by the decision?	N/A		
13c	Date Cabinet member consulted	N/A		
14	Has any Cabinet member declared a conflict of interest in relation to the decision? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, please discuss with the Monitoring Officer
		No	X	
15	Which Corporate Management Team member has been consulted?	Name	Professor Steve Maddern	
		Job title	Director of Public Health	
		Date consulted	04/09/2025	

Sign-off

16	Sign off codes from the relevant departments consulted:	Democratic Support (mandatory)	JS61 25/26
		Finance (mandatory)	DN.25.26.011
		Legal (mandatory)	LS/00003010/10/LB/07/01/26
		Procurement (if applicable)	NY/AHC/813/ED/0126
		Corporate property (decisions involving Council owned land or facilities) (if applicable)	N/A
		Human Resources (if applicable)	N/A

Appendices

17	Ref.	Title of appendix
	A	Equalities Impact Assessment

Confidential/exempt information								
18a	Do you need to include any confidential/exempt information? Please type an X into the relevant box	Yes		If yes, prepare a second, confidential ('Part II') briefing report and indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box in 18b below. (Keep as much information as possible in the briefing report that will be in the public domain)				
		No	x					
Exemption Paragraph Number								
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7

18b	Confidential/exempt briefing report title:						

Background Papers							
19	Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are <u>unpublished</u> works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based. If some/all of the information is confidential, you must indicate why it is not for publication by virtue of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 by ticking the relevant box.						

	Title of background paper(s)	Exemption Paragraph Number						
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	GP LES Procurement Decision Record			x				

Cabinet Member Signature								
20	I agree the decision and confirm that it is not contrary to the Council's policy and budget framework, Corporate Plan or Budget. In taking this decision I have given due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act (2010) and those who do not. For further details please see the EIA attached.							
Signature			Date of decision	15 January 2026				
Print Name	Cllr Mary Aspinall (Cabinet Member for Health and Adult Social Care)							