

# Information

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for County Councillors

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## Public Health reviews and future commissioning

Following the waiver that extended current Public Health contracts by one year to include the financial year 2014/ 15 work is currently underway to carry out a review of four key service areas:

- Support to stop smoking
- Sexual health
- NHS Health Checks
- Tackling obesity

A consultation plan is being developed currently to assess where consultations can be joined together to assess:

- The effectiveness of current provision
- Mapping of current services which will assist with identifying service gaps

Simultaneously public health staff will also:

- Critically appraise the evidence base in order to propose options for future commissioning which are both effective and cost effective
- Undertake a needs assessment which highlights the needs of both the local population and the commissioning responsibilities of the county council
- Appraise the opportunities to dovetail public health commissioning with the commissioning of other parts of the council, and vice versa
- Appraise the opportunities to jointly commission services with other

- organisations within the health and wellbeing system
- Drafting service specifications for future services

There are two phases to this work:

- 1) New services need to be in place for stop smoking services and NHS Health Checks by 1 April 2015
- 2) New services need to be in place for sexual health and obesity services by 1 April 2016 at the latest

The breadth of services included within sexual health and obesity is significantly larger than for smoking services and NHS health checks which is why a longer timeline has been applied.

The important milestones for this work include:

#### Stop smoking services and NHS Health Checks

##### **March and April**

- Consultations underway

##### **June 2014:**

- Tendering process begins

##### **December 2014:**

- Contracts awarded

##### **April 2015:**

- New services commence

#### Sexual Health and obesity

##### **September 2014:**

- Consultations begin

##### **December 2014 – April 2015:**

- Procurement processes commences

##### **May 2015 – September 2015:**

- Contracts awarded

##### **December 2015 - April 2016:**

- New services commence

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