

# Public Health Commissioning Update HRPH Committee

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# Key updates



- All Public Health services will be restarted in line with phase 3 guidance. Commissioning staff will seek assurance that services are delivering in a safe way.
- Services continue to deliver differently, utilising a mix of virtual and face to face.
- Innovation evidenced to offer benefits will be taken forward e.g. sexual health.
- Changing patterns of demand are being closely monitored and there is a need for an agile approach to respond quickly - e.g. launch of new lifestyle apps.
- Planning the restart for school based services is taking place alongside NHS colleagues to ensure aligned approaches and communication.
- Risk based approaches prioritising limited resources e.g. NHS Health Checks.
- Logging of COVID costs and budget planning for 2021/22 taking place.
- Progressing actions identified through recovery and restart programmes.

# Challenges

- **Significant budget uncertainty**– e.g. rising demand, NHS pay and pension costs, increased service costs due to new ways of working.
- **Significant catch up work and possible impact of a second lockdown** – e.g. Health Visiting developmental reviews, screening programmes.
- **Premises** – limited access to existing sites preventing step up of services.
- **Increasing demand and reduced capacity in GP and pharmacy impacting on lifestyle services** – e.g. waiting list for stop smoking.
- **Long term effectiveness of new ways of working unclear**
- **Latent demand/ impact of trauma/ hidden harm** – may lead to an increase in demand and safeguarding case loads etc.
- **Increasing issues around equity of access and impact of COVID-19** – e.g. digital poverty.
- **Providing joined up care to protect the most vulnerable**

# Forward Look



## Ongoing:

- Continued progression of new projects in collaboration with key partners – e.g. wellbeing hub, digital inclusion pilot and virtual parenting resources.
- Regular campaigns to help keep people well, safe and enable self management.
- Development on new sexual health hub in Thanet.



## October onwards

- Launch of new workplace health offer planned for October 2020.
- Transfer of PREP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) to Local Authorities from NHSE.
- Launch of digital postural stability pilot.
- Increased outreach provision within substance misuse services.
- Promotion of new digital apps – [Drink Less](#) and [My Quit Route](#)
- Refinement of 2021/22 budget and exploration of additional income