



Meeting: Council

Date: 24 September 2015

Wards Affected: All Wards

Report Title: Clinical Governance Framework (Mayoral Decision)

Is the decision a key decision? No

When does the decision need to be implemented? ASAP

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1. Proposal and Introduction

- 1.1 On 1 April 2013, Public Health commissioners transferred back into Local Authorities. Although this is the most effective place for public health commissioning to belong to, the team brought with it the commissioning of several clinical services – and the subsequent need for clinical governance of those services.
- 1.2 Public health clinical services include sexual and reproductive health (contraception and sexually transmitted infection (STI) management), drug and alcohol treatment services and Lifestyles services (including obesity and smoking cessation services). Some of these client groups can be complex in their clinical and social presentation.

2. Reason for Proposal

- 2.1 Clinical governance ensures that public health services are cost-effective, high quality, safe and represent best value for money. Our clinical governance framework outlines a hierarchy of clinical bodies to which clinical issues can be escalated, where there are risks or commissioner concerns.
- 2.2 Managing a robust clinical governance framework is part of our obligations when commissioning clinical services. The document has already been approved by Torbay Clinicians, who sit to monitor quality of clinical services the public health team provides.
- 2.3 A decision to adopt this clinical governance framework as a means of providing assurance around clinical interventions is the final requirement to ensure that the document is ratified for use.

3. Recommendation(s) / Proposed Decision

- 3.1 That the Clinical Governance Framework set out at Appendix 1 to the submitted report be approved for a period of 3 years, whereupon it will be reviewed and updated.

Appendices

Appendix 1: Clinical Governance Framework

Appendix 2: Extract from Minutes of the Clinical Governance “Quality Committee” approving the Clinical Governance Framework – 12 August 2015

Background Documents

None