

## Reasons for call

Reasons for call in of the decision by Director of Public Health Torbay to cease the Torbay Public Health funding of local provision of advocacy, care and support for people who have been diagnosed with HIV and their carers and family members on 30 September 2017. To redirect people to nationally available digital provision, websites and helplines as appropriate.

The call in promoters welcome the fact that recent advances in medicine have resulted in HIV sufferer's life span being considerably improved however due to the residual stigma of the disease this client group should be seen as a particularly vulnerable one. We note that the AIDS support grant has now been incorporated into the public health grant so it is difficult to pin point the level of funding but this funding still remains part of public health core funding. The local cessation of this service will inevitably result in cost shunting on to other health and social care services. We fear that this proposal will further marginalise some of the most vulnerable in our society.

1. What were the findings of the "in-depth review" of the needs of people living with a diagnosis of HIV?
2. What consultation was carried out and how were the results of the consultation taken into account in reaching the decision?
3. What are the consequences of this decision on other health and social care services in Torbay?
4. How does this service fit with other services provided in Torbay for those living with a diagnosis of HIV?
5. What are the impacts of this decision and how will they be mitigated?

In short we wish the Director of Public Health to make her case for withdrawing this service which seem to be lacking in the information that is provided on the Record of Decision.