



	<p>Existing contracts were set to expire in March 2016, and to enable a full tender process to take place, contracts were extended by 6 months and notice given for them to terminate on 30 September 2016.</p> <p>The report confirms that the tender process undertaken to identify the preferred provider has followed the procurement code and procurement process.</p>
<p><b>Alternative Options Considered And Rejected</b></p>	<p>As set out in the report. The Health and Social Care Act 2012 and associated legislation stipulates that Local Authorities have a mandated responsibility to commission open access Sexual Health Services for everyone present in their area covering:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Free sexually transmitted infections (STI) testing and treatment, and notification of sexual partners of infected persons, and</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Free contraception and reasonable access to all methods of contraception.</p> <p>The Sexual Health contracts were novated to the Council in April 2013 from the NHS but had expired. Local Authority procurement code and public procurement legislation required a tender process to enable award of new contracts. To achieve the PHRFG funding reduction a needs assessment recommended a whole systems approach to sexual health provision through a lead provider model to gain efficiencies, eliminate any gaps, to focus on prevention and achieve the required outcomes within reduced funding available.</p> <p>Only one tender bid was received.</p>
<p><b>Any Conflict of Interest declared by a consulted Cabinet Member/ any dispensation granted</b></p>	<p>None</p>
<p><b>Signature of Decision Maker</b></p>	<p>Mr J H Smith</p>