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The future of local and community HIV services

A Welsh perspective

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Introduction

Defining local and community HIV services:
• HIV prevention and health promotion
• Testing and entry to care where needed
• Ongoing long term condition management
What we do in Wales

Policy
• Political engagement
• Lobbying
• Campaigning
• Influencing policy

Services
• Point of care HIV testing
• Long term condition management including advocacy, advice, counselling, and support
• Health promotion and outreach
The Welsh context

- Current provision and access
- Review of sexual health services
- PrEP three-year study
- Funding for new HIV and sexual health interventions
- Lack of clear HIV and sexual health PHOF indicators
- Lack of joined-up working between public and third sectors
- Social prescribing
- Relationships and Sexuality Education
- Underpinned by principles of Prudent Healthcare
Prudent Healthcare

Key concept: Only do what only you can do
i.e.: no professional should routinely be providing a service that does not require their level of clinical ability or expertise

Principles
• Achieve health and wellbeing with the public, patients and professionals as equal partners through co-production
• Care for those with the greatest health need first, making the most effective use of all skills and resources (my emphasis)
• Do only what is needed, no more, no less; and do no harm
• Reduce inappropriate variation using evidence based practices consistently and transparently.
Next steps

- Full implementation of review recommendations
- Clear accountability at Health Board and Welsh Government level
- Concerns with PrEP study to be addressed
- Recognition of the value of community services provided by third sector
Conclusion

• Potential for expanding community service provision
• Fits with Prudent Healthcare agenda
• Current examples of joint working on ad hoc basis with clinics

But

• Needs sustainable funding
• Arrangements factored in to Health Board service delivery plans