



5th July 2018

Dear Colleague,

Re: The Health Shop

As you may know, Local Authorities are under extreme financial pressure. Since 2010, Government funding for Nottingham City Council's day-to-day services has been cut by two-thirds. Unfortunately, we have reached a point where, to meet the budgetary requirements for the current financial year and maintain funding for mandated service provision, the range of public health services Nottingham City Council commissions has been reviewed leading to some very difficult choices.

Nottingham City Council has commissioned Framework to provide an integrated specialist needle exchange and sexual health service since July 2016. This service is known as the Health Shop and is provided by Framework in partnership with Nottinghamshire Healthcare Foundation Trust.

Following extensive conversations with Framework, a number of changes to the substance misuse and sexual health services they provide have been agreed. Both Nottingham City Council and Framework have worked hard to identify proposals which minimise the impact for service users. I am grateful to Framework for their continued support and hard work.

From 01/09/2018, the Health Shop services will no longer be providing services from its current City Centre location on Broad Street.

Some of the services provided by The Health Shop at Broad Street will move to The Wellbeing Hub on Hounds Gate. The Wellbeing Hub is located in the City Centre and provides free, confidential support and advice to people seeking support with a range of issues including mental health, drug or alcohol use, housing and employment. This move will mean services are provided alongside a range of different services who may be supporting or able to support the same citizens; including Nottingham Recovery Network, Clean Slate, Wellness in Mind, Framework homelessness prevention advice, and Better Working Futures.

All of the sexual health services that are currently provided at the Health Shop will continue to be delivered from the Wellbeing Hub at its Hounds Gate location, including a full range of Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) testing and treatment, contraception including Emergency Hormonal Contraception (EHC) and condom distribution and testing for hepatitis B & C.

The specialist needle exchange element of the service will close at its current Broad Street location but will continue to be delivered as an outreach service. Pharmacy needle exchange will also continue to be available at locations across the City.

Take home naloxone will continue to be available from The Wellbeing Hub. Nottingham City Council is currently rolling out a pilot making take home naloxone available from pharmacy needle exchanges.

Blood Borne Virus testing and vaccination for injecting drug users will be available from The Wellbeing Hub.

If you have any queries regarding this please contact:

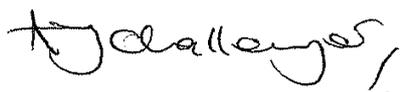
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Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A Challenger', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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