

COUNCIL		
Report Title	Motion 3 in the name of Councillor Walsh to be seconded by Councillor Bernhards	
Key Decision		Item No.
Ward		
Contributors	Acting Chief Executive (Head of Business & Committee)	
Class	Part 1	Date: February 27 2019

PrEP on the NHS

This Council notes:

PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis) is a drug taken by HIV-negative people before sex that reduces the risk of getting HIV from sex by more than 90%. If taken as prescribed, it is highly effective at preventing HIV

PrEP has already been approved for use across the world including in the United States, Canada and France

PrEP has been recommended for use by the World Health Organization

However, access to the treatment in the UK differs according to the country you live in:

- In England, the PrEP trial scheme has places limited to just 13,000 people, leaving thousands across the country who want to protect their health having to import the PrEP and paying up to £4,200 a year
- Meanwhile, in Scotland PrEP is available to high-risk groups on the NHS, while in Wales and Northern Ireland there are trial schemes with no limits on places

This Council believes:

- That the founding principles of the NHS are just as important as today
- That the NHS meet the needs of everyone
- That it be free at the point of delivery
- That it be based on clinical need, not ability to pay
- PrEP is a vital tool for public health and achieving zero HIV transmissions
- By failing to make PrEP available on the NHS in England, the founding principles of the NHS are being broken
- PrEP should be available on the NHS in England and the UK for those who need it

This Council resolves:

- To work with organisations including the Terrence Higgins Trust to campaign for PrEP to be available on the NHS in England
- To call on the government to fund the availability of PrEP on the NHS in England