



# **Sexual Health in Local Government: Challenges & Opportunities**

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# Context: Public Health Priorities (ADPH Survey 2016)

1. Introduce a **minimum unit price** of 50p per alcohol for all alcohol sold in England
2. Amend **licensing legislation** to empower local authorities to control the total availability of alcohol, gambling, junk food outlets etc
3. Use taxation and economic development measures to reduce **income inequality**
4. Introduce governmental standards **for salt, saturated fat, and sugar reduction** in the food supply
5. Commit 10% of transport budget to **walking and cycling**
6. Introduce **compulsory PHSE lessons** in all schools (including academies)
7. Require compulsory standardised **front of pack labelling** for all pre-packaged food and beverages (including alcoholic drinks)
8. Ensure the UK meets its legal duty under EU regulation to protect the population from the harmful effects of **air pollution**
9. Reinststate the tax escalator on **all tobacco products** and **alcohol** (at 5% and 2% pa ahead of inflation)
10. Ban companies producing 'junk food' from **sponsorship of physical activity** and sport, especially those targeted at children and young people

# Challenges: Finance

- **Financial pressures** on local government: potential end of ringfenced PH grant, uncertainty around BRR, mandation
- Pressures on **providers**, particularly primary care
- Inadequate focus on and **investment in prevention**

# Challenges: System

- **Complex system architecture** and fragmentation
- Misaligned **risks and rewards**
- **Training and workforce** implications of integrated sexual health service models
- **Need to address health inequality** while ensuring an integrated life-course approach

# Opportunities: Commissioning + Services

- **Need for a life course approach:** person centred approach that integrates physical, mental and emotional wellbeing
- Shift **towards integrated services**; opportunity to meet unidentified/unmet contraceptive needs in those presenting with STIs
- New service specs promoting key sexual and reproductive health **outputs/outcomes** e.g LARC prescribing
- Positive examples of system join up/collaboration, and use of **specialist professional expertise** to support service redesign

# Opportunities: Emerging Systems

- Sustainability and Transformation Plans – opportunity to take a **whole systems approach** to sexual and reproductive health, shift to a population health approach, pooled budgets, risk sharing...
- Emerging **Accountable Care Systems** and general practice working at scale/networks/federations
- Greater use of local authority role, assets and levers – early years, schools, youth services, substance misuse, VCS and community assets



Questions?