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Hi Dave,

There are over 400,000 diagnoses of sexually-transmitted infections in England each year, as cases of syphilis have reached their highest level since 1949. The threat from antimicrobial resistance continues to grow, with drug-resistant infections now estimated to cause 700,000 deaths globally every year (PHE strategy 2020-2025).

Public Health recognises that Parliament has made it lawful to operate Sex Establishments, and that such businesses are a legitimate part of the retail and leisure industries. However, we also recognise the potential risks to staff and performers of sex establishments, particularly where alcohol is present. Links between alcohol use and poor sexual health outcomes has been recognised for some time.

Supporting people to adopt healthy behaviours can help to prevent poor health. Evidence shows that prevention and early intervention represent good value for money and the licensing process provides an opportunity to communicate key messages to those who may be at risk. Public health recommends that:

- The Director of Public Health be added to the list of consultees for sex entertainment premises

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