

## **Warm Water Exercise group – Briefing Note**

The Council is looking at a range of options – including accessible teaching pools – as it seeks to modernise its leisure facilities, this is supported by the 'Fit for Life' Strategy.

The Council and the CCG will be working closely to ensure that the new leisure contract provides the best possible service for local people and supports them to live healthy lifestyles.

It is important to clarify that the provision of warm water swimming facilities is not the same as the provision of hydrotherapy services which is a specialist health service provided from appropriately equipped, specialist facilities and funded by the CCG.

The Council's objective is to provide accessible leisure facilities, rather than specialist health services, for which there is advice and guidance on best practice produced by Sport England in their 'Accessible Sports Facilities Design Guidance Note.

(<http://www.sportengland.org/media/30246/Accessible-Sports-Facilities-2010.pdf>)

The Council appreciates comments from the public as it continues to develop plans for delivering these options through dialogue with potential contractors as part of the procurement process for the new leisure contract. This contract will be awarded in January 2015, with a contract start date of July 2015.