

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

Havering drug and alcohol harm reduction strategy

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The subject matter of this report deals with the following priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- Priority 1: Early help for vulnerable people
- Priority 2: Improved identification and support for people with dementia
- Priority 3: Earlier detection of cancer
- Priority 4: Tackling obesity
- Priority 5: Better integrated care for the 'frail elderly' population
- Priority 6: Better integrated care for vulnerable children
- Priority 7: Reducing avoidable hospital admissions
- Priority 8: Improve the quality of services to ensure that patient experience and long-term health outcomes are the best they can be

SUMMARY

This strategy has been produced for the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Havering Community Safety Partnership.

The majority of people in Havering do not misuse alcohol, illegal drugs or any other substances. However, for the small number who do, the harm caused to them as individuals, their families and the wider community is significant.

The overarching aim of the strategy is to reduce the harm caused to Havering residents by substance misuse. It has been produced in partnership with a range of agencies and organisations, in recognition that there is a need to work together to address the problems.

This strategy sets out the approach that organisations will take to achieve this aim over the next three years.

The strategy is organised in two main sections:

Section 1 summarises the problem (see the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment chapter on drugs and alcohol for a detailed account).

Section 2 describes how the problems will be tackled under three main objectives:

- Preventing harm to individuals, which is primarily concerned with the damage caused to individuals as a result of personal misuse of substances.
- Preventing harm to family life, children and vulnerable adults, which considers the harm caused to families, children and vulnerable adults, particularly where substance misuse co-exists with domestic violence and mental ill-health.
- Preventing harm to the wider community, which focuses on the impact of illegal drugs and binge drinking on community safety and wellbeing.

A set of KPIs is suggested to monitor progress over time.

A detailed action plan with milestones and timescales is provided for year 1. This encompasses many broad areas of work, many of which are already being managed through existing work programmes.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board is asked to: -

- Consider the Strategy
- Suggest any amendments and additions needed
- Subject to there being general agreement with the approach proposed, and that any changes suggested by members are made, agree that the Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Board can approve a final draft of the Strategy without further reference to the Board
- Discuss the governance arrangements
- Subsequently receive an annual report describing progress made.

REPORT DETAIL

Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy including a detailed action plan is attached.

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Financial implications and risks:

Any significant decisions arising from this strategy have or will be subject to normal governance processes within the relevant organisation. There are no additional significant implications arising from adoption of this strategy.

Legal implications and risks:

As above

Human Resources implications and risks:

As above

Equalities implications and risks:

As above

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Havering drug and alcohol harm reduction strategy 2016-2019
Havering drug and alcohol harm reduction action plan year 1 2016-17