

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy
2017 Report

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

- Theme 1: Primary prevention to promote and protect the health of the community and reduce health inequalities
- Theme 2: Working together to identify those at risk and intervene early to improve outcomes and reduce demand on more expensive services later on
- Theme 3: Provide the right health and social care/advice in the right place at the right time
- Theme 4: Quality of services and user experience

SUMMARY

A three year Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy was produced for the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Havering Community Safety Partnership in 2016, together with a detailed one-year action plan. The strategy sets out the approach for achieving the overall aim of reducing the harms caused by substance misuse.

The vision articulated in the strategy is for:

- children and young people to be informed and supported in their early years so that there is less risk of them misusing substances in later life.
- young people who do develop problems to have treatment and support so that their lives are not blighted by substance misuse.
- adult residents understand individual health risks associated with alcohol and so manage their drinking within safer limits.



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- residents and visitors are free from the harms caused by other people's substance abuse.
- there is a halt to the demand for, and supply of drugs, which fuels criminal behaviour.
- where people have serious problems with substance misuse, they receive specialist treatment to recover – and remain in recovery.

The Health and Wellbeing Board acknowledged that the strategy and action plan encompassed many broad areas of work, many of which were already being managed through existing work programmes. Therefore, in order to avoid duplication, it was agreed that year 1 actions would be monitored by the relevant lead service area. This report has been produced by the Public Health Service with contributions from the service leads: Community Safety, Children's Services and Adult Commissioning (now the Joint Commissioning Unit). It presents an update on progress during year on, and actions proposed for year two (2017-18).

The Community Safety Partnership has received the report. The Partnership has requested a specific set of indicators be developed that focuses on a criminal justice agenda. In light of this, it is proposed that, going forward, future reports to the Health and Wellbeing Board include an indicator set that is more tailored to a health and wellbeing agenda, and which is based on the Local Alcohol Profile and the Public Health Profile of substance misuse. Future reports to still include detailed reporting against the action plan as per this 2017 report. If agreed, the relevant pages of the strategy will be amended accordingly.

RECOMMENDATIONS

To note the progress made in year one, as set out in the:

- Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction 2017 Progress Report, which provides a brief summary
- Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2017-18 which provides In-depth information about actions that were scheduled for 16-17 (as well as descriptions of actions planned for 17-18)

To comment on the proposed actions for 17-18 described in the Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2017-18. Comments to be sent to the report author by 2 August 2017.

To agree the proposal that future reports include an indicator set that is more tailored to a health and wellbeing agenda, and which is based on the Local Alcohol Profile and the Public Health Profile of substance misuse.



REPORT DETAIL

Two documents provide the report detail:

- The Havering Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction 2017 Progress Report, which summarises the main policy/other changes, highlights successes and challenges, and summarises some of the key actions for 2017
- The detailed Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2017-18:
 - describes actions planned for 16-17. The majority of actions have been completed, or are on track. In terms of the small number that have not been completed (red rag-rated), see columns “Comments on 16-17 activity” and “16-17 RAG”.
 - describes proposed actions for 17-18 (both continuing actions from 16-17 and new actions)

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Any significant decisions arising from the strategy and the year two action plan accompanying this report have or will be subject to normal governance processes within the relevant organisation. There are no additional significant implications.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

The following papers are attached:

- Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction 2017 Progress Report
- Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2017-18