



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:

**Drugs and Alcohol Harm Reduction
Strategy Action Plan progress and review**

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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 action plan. It was agreed that annual reports would be presented to the HWB and CSP describing progress and presenting a draft refreshed action plan for the subsequent year. This is the second of these reports and covers progress against the action plan in 2017-18 and suggests a draft plan for 2018-19.

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.



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- adult residents understand individual health risks associated with alcohol and so manage their drinking within safer limits.
- 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 actions would be monitored by the relevant lead service area.

This report and action plan review have been produced by the Public Health Service with contributions from the service leads: Community Safety, Children's Services and the Joint Commissioning Unit. It presents an update on progress during year two (2017-18), and actions proposed for year three (2018-19). .

The current strategy runs to March 2019 and a new strategy will be developed for the three years to 2022 for the Board to agree.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the progress made in year two, as set out in the:
 - Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction 2018 Progress Report, which provides a brief summary
 - Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2018-19 which provides In-depth information about actions that were scheduled for 2017-18 (as well as descriptions of actions planned for 2018-19)
2. To comment on the proposed actions for 2018-19 described in the Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2018-19. Comments to be sent to the report author by Monday 30th July.
3. Note and comment on the report, and seek clarification on any aspect of the content Approve the draft action plan for 2018-19.



REPORT DETAIL

Please see attached paper and action plan. The two documents provide the report detail:

- The Havering Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction 2018 Progress Report, which summarises the main policy/other changes, highlights successes, and summarises some of the key actions for 2018-19
- The detailed Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2018-19:
 - describes actions planned for 2018-19. The majority of actions have been completed, or are on track and a RAG rating with explanatory comments given.
 - describes proposed actions for 2018-19 (those continuing actions from 2017-18)

IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

Any significant decisions arising from the strategy and the year three 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 2018 Progress Report
- Refreshed Draft Action Plan 2018-19