

HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

Subject Heading:	Havering Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) – Annual Report 2024/25
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The subject matter of this report deals with the following themes of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The wider determinants of health <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase employment of people with health problems or disabilities Develop the Council and NHS Trusts as anchor institutions that consciously seek to maximise the health and wellbeing benefit to residents of everything they do. Prevent homelessness and minimise the harm caused to those affected, particularly rough sleepers and consequent impacts on the health and social care system.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Lifestyles and behaviours <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The prevention of obesity Further reduce the prevalence of smoking across the borough and particularly in disadvantaged communities and by vulnerable groups Strengthen early years providers, schools and colleges as health improving settings
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	The communities and places we live in <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Realising the benefits of regeneration for the health of local residents and the health and social care services available to them Targeted multidisciplinary working with people who, because of their life experiences, currently make frequent contact with a range of statutory services that are unable to fully resolve their underlying problem.
<input type="checkbox"/>	Local health and social care services <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development of integrated health, housing and social care services at locality level.
<input type="checkbox"/>	BHR Integrated Care Partnership Board Transformation Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Older people and frailty and end of life Cancer Long term conditions Primary Care Children and young people Accident and Emergency Delivery Board Mental health Transforming Care Programme Board Planned Care

SUMMARY

The Havering Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP) Annual Report 2024–25 sets out progress made in reducing drug and alcohol-related harms across the borough through joint working between the Council, NHS, police, voluntary sector and community partners.

The report describes how the CDP continues to strengthen treatment and recovery systems, improve partnership coordination, and respond to emerging risks such as synthetic opioids. Alcohol remains the greatest cause of substance-related harm locally, though drug misuse continues to present challenges linked to health, crime, and community safety.

Havering continues to perform strongly in key outcome areas. Treatment engagement and recovery rates are above both London and England averages, with the number of adults and young people in structured treatment increasing during 2024/25. The partnership has successfully transitioned to the new Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Recovery and Improvement Grant (DATRIG), sustaining service capacity despite short-term funding cycles.

The CDP operates a whole-system approach, aligning enforcement, treatment, and prevention work. Key developments include improved data sharing, the implementation of a synthetic opioids preparedness plan, enhanced safeguarding training, and the piloting of a Drug and Alcohol Review of Deaths (DARD) process.

Overall, the report demonstrates continued progress, strong governance, and a coordinated approach to reducing harm and improving recovery outcomes for Havering residents.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Board **endorse** the partnership’s priorities for 2025/26, including:

- Embedding Project ADDER;
- Refreshing the local Substance Misuse Needs Assessment;
- Implementing the Children & Young People’s Communications Plan;
- Rolling out the DARD process;
- Continuing work to improve opiate recovery and continuity of care.

REPORT DETAIL

See attached CDP Annual report



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IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

The partnership's ability to sustain current service levels is dependent on continuation of national grant funding beyond March 2026.

The emergence of synthetic opioids presents an ongoing public health risk requiring local preparedness.

Rising service demand and cost-of-living pressures may impact delivery capacity.

Strong partnership coordination remains essential to maintain progress and address inequalities in access and outcomes.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Havering Combatting Drugs Partnership Annual Report 2024/25