

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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Title:	Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-20
Report of the Director of Public Health	
Open Report	For Information
Wards Affected: ALL	Key Decision: Yes
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Summary: <p>The four year Substance Misuse Strategy 2016-20 has been presented at the Substance Misuse Strategy Board and the Community Safety Partnership meeting for consultation, and their comments have been incorporated.</p> <p>The Strategy is now being presented to the Health and Wellbeing Board, who are invited to comment further and to recommend the Strategy for final approval from Cabinet.</p>	
Recommendation(s) <p>The Health and Wellbeing Board is invited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(i) Comment on the strategy;(ii) Recommend to Cabinet the adoption of the strategy subject to any amendments requested; and(iii) Recommend that partner organisations also take the steps necessary to formally adopt the strategy through their organisational arrangements.	
Reason(s) <p>The Strategy sets out a broad range of actions designed to improve public health, encourage social responsibility, reduce demand on public services and enhance community safety. Delivery of the strategy's aims would support the Council's priority of enabling social responsibility, through improving access to healthcare, protecting the vulnerable, and encouraging people to take responsibility for their health and wellbeing. It would also contribute to the Council's commitment to borough growth by supporting those with substance misuse problems into employment.</p>	

1 Introduction and Background

- 1.1 It is necessary to have a Substance Misuse Strategy in order to tackle the impact that drugs and alcohol have on the Borough and to reduce the harm they cause.
- 1.2 The Strategy is also necessary to strengthen and build upon existing partnership working with criminal justice colleagues, in order to identify those individuals who use drugs and alcohol problematically and ensure that they are offered the most appropriate therapeutic interventions.
- 1.3 Drug and alcohol treatment provision have been designed to ensure that people do not re-present to services. More emphasis has been placed on offering interventions to those who have stabilised in treatment and are now ready to re-integrate into society.
- 1.4 A greater focus on early intervention will be embedded in the action plan. Many individuals who misuse substances do so as a way of coping with traumatic events in their lives. More therapeutic work needs to take place for children with parents who misuse substances, and for those that have witnessed or experienced trauma such as abuse or violence.
- 1.5 The Substance Misuse Strategy has been presented at the Substance Misuse Strategy Board and Community Safety Partnership Board for consultation. Following Health & Wellbeing Board approval, it will be presented to Cabinet for adoption on behalf of the Council. This recognises the cross-cutting nature of substance misuse issues and the impact that they have on the borough's growth potential, with a corresponding need for wide sign-up from across the Council.

2 Proposal and issues

- 2.1 The purpose of the Strategy is to ensure that investment in substance misuse education and treatment continues in order for provision to be the most effective and relevant it can be.
- 2.2 The action plan, which will dictate future work in this area, will be agreed at the appropriate Sub Group of the Community Safety Partnership to be held July 2016.

3 Mandatory Implications

Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

The strategy compliments the identification of need and the priorities for future action described in the JSNA, specifically section 7.11 Substance Misuse. In the refresh paper presented to the Board at its October 2014 meeting, a number of recommendations were made which are in part addressed by the proposals in this strategy. These include improvements in mental health services, for both children and adults, increasing support for those with health conditions (which would include addiction) into employment, and further work to encourage people to make lifestyle changes that can positively impact on their health.

Health and Wellbeing Strategy

- 3.1 The strategy supports priorities from the Health and Wellbeing Strategy by proposing work which will cause fewer adolescents and adults to problematically use substances.

Integration

- 3.2 The strategy maintains, and reaffirms, the integrated approach to commissioning and planning of drug and alcohol support, as well as continuing to bring together approaches to offender management and treatment options. It also sets out aims around bringing together sources of intelligence which will enable joint decision-making around substance misuse interventions, based on wide-ranging evidence.

Financial Implications

(Implications completed by: Richard Tyler, Interim Group Finance Manager)

- 3.3 The strategy set out by the Substance Misuse Strategy team would be delivered using funding received from the public health grant and London Crime Prevention funding received from Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.
- 3.4 The funding allocation from the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime is £110,000 for the 2016/17 financial year. This is however the last year of the London Crime Prevention funding. Year on year the funding will be reviewed as this may fluctuate if cuts are required or if any of the grants cease. Any major variation in the funding may impact on the delivery of the strategy. Funding streams will be regularly reviewed to minimise this risk.
- 3.5 This strategy is a health priority and so any costs will be contained within the overall Public Health grant allocation

Legal Implications

- 3.6 There are no legal implications with regards to this report.

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Risk Management

- 3.7 Through approaches to service commissioning, there are mechanisms for ensuring that the risks around individuals who use substances are managed, jointly as necessary with the systems in place for offender management.
- 3.8 In terms of the delivery of the Strategy and its action plan which is to follow, the Substance Misuse Strategy Board will have in place a risk management system to ensure that delivery remains on track and remedial action can be taken as necessary.

Patient / Service User Impact

- 3.9 As the strategy itself notes,

Our local treatment services have also seen an upward trend in the proportion of individuals who have completed treatment successfully over the last three years as a proportion of those in treatment. The number of people who then relapse and return to treatment is reducing.

- 3.10 The range of actions in the strategy are designed to continue this trajectory and to see improvements in the support provided to service users.

4 Non-mandatory Implications

Crime and Disorder

- 4.1 Substance misuse impacts on many areas of crime and disorder including anti social behaviour and offending behaviour. These implications have been extensively reviewed by the Community Safety Partnership in their approval of the Strategy.

Safeguarding

- 4.2 Substance use presents a range of behaviours that pose a risk to the individuals themselves and others around them, and can give rise to a range of safeguarding concerns, including domestic violence. The borough's systems for reporting and investigating both adult and child safeguarding concerns have established links to drug and alcohol services, and the Strategy recognises the need for commissioning interventions to continue to foster these links, and provide training for those involved in safeguarding.

Public Background Papers Used in the Preparation of the Report:

- National 10 year Drug Strategy

List of Appendices:

Appendix A Barking and Dagenham Substance Misuse Strategy, 2016 – 2020