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Tackling the effects of drugs and alcohol; annual update on the work of the Derby and Derbyshire Drugs and Alcohol Strategic Partnership (the DASP)

Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an update on the work of the Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership (DASP) for Derby and Derbyshire since its establishment in November 2022. To summarise the national context in which the DASP has been established and the national objectives from the Government's 10-year strategy, 'From Harm to Hope'.
- 1.2 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board (HWB) of the strategic priorities that the Partnership is currently working to.
- 1.3 To provide an update of progress against the strategic priorities and national objectives.

Recommendations

- 2.1 To acknowledge the role of the DASP in setting the strategic direction and joint priorities in relation to tackling the negative impacts of drugs and alcohol in Derby and Derbyshire.
- 2.2 To support engagement of all Partners (Police, Probation, Local Authorities, NHS and Police and Crime Commissioner) with the DASP, enabling the multiple impacts of drugs and alcohol on local residents and communities to be fully responded to and included within the strategic objectives of the Partnership.
- 2.3 To note of the strategic priorities of the DASP, and the progress made in delivering against those priorities.
- 2.4 To receive an update from the DASP at appropriate points, but annually as a minimum.

Reasons

- 3.1 To ensure that the HWB is kept updated on the work of the Derby and Derbyshire DASP and the strategic direction set by the DASP is reflected in the strategies of the wider system.

- 3.2 To ensure the HWB maintains an understanding of the multiple negative impacts of drugs and alcohol on the health and wellbeing of the population and communities within it and ensure that action is being taken to lessen these impacts.
- 3.3 To support the partner organisations that form the DASP to share accountability for delivering against all national requirements of Combatting Drugs Partnerships.

Supporting information

- 4.1 The negative effects of drugs and alcohol to both the individual and wider society are well documented; harm and deaths from drugs and alcohol have increased in recent years. The Government’s 10-year strategy, ‘From Harm to Hope’, is intended to reverse this trend. The DASP is responsible for setting the priority areas for action that will ensure that: harm and deaths from drugs and alcohol are reduced; drug and alcohol use is reduced, and drug related crime is reduced.
- 4.2 The 10-year Government Strategy, ‘From Harm to Hope’ (2021) required all areas in England to establish a Combatting Drugs Partnership (CDP). The headline objectives of the Partnerships are to:
 - Reduce drug (and alcohol)-related harm and deaths.
 - Reduce drug-related crime.
 - Reduce drug use.

Additional funding in the form of the Supplemental Substance Misuse Recovery Grant has been received by Public Health for 2022/23 and 2023/24 to increase the capacity and availability of treatment services:

	2022/23	2023/24
Derby City	£0.916m	£1.7m
Derbyshire	£0.936m	£1.699m

- 4.3 Our Combatting Drugs Partnership - the Derby and Derbyshire Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership - was established in November 2022 and is formed of the following members:

- Derbyshire Constabulary
- Derby City Probation Service
- Derbyshire Probation Service
- Derby and Derbyshire Integrated Care Board
- Derby City Council – Public Health, Children’s Services, Adult Social Care
- Derbyshire County Council – Public Health, Children’s Services, Adult Social Care
- Derbyshire Police and Crime Commissioner.

- 4.4 National strategic and interim objectives for Combatting Drugs Partnerships are described in the National Outcomes Framework (see Appendix 1 for summary).
- 4.5 During its first year, the DASP has been understanding the nature and size of the drug and alcohol issues across the geography, from the perspectives of all member agencies, through the completion of needs assessments. The outcomes of these assessments have been used to identify a shared set of strategic priorities to address national and local objectives. In addition, the DASP has been developing a Partnership Agreement and Information Sharing Agreement to support its work and is in the process of recruiting an Independent Chair.
- 4.6 Needs assessments have been completed by Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby and Derbyshire Probation Services and Public Health at both Local Authorities. Examples of some of the findings from the needs assessments will be included in a presentation to the HWB.
- 4.7 The needs assessments have been used to determine a shared set of priorities for the Partnership which, will be detailed in full in the presentation, and come under the three strands of reducing drug related harm and deaths; reducing drug use; reducing drug related crime.
- 4.8 A wide range of initiatives has been developed and introduced by DASP partners during the last year to deliver the local priorities. These include:
- Increased distribution and use of Naloxone
 - Training and education of prison staff on continuity of care for prison leavers
 - Introduction of an intelligence-led approach to identifying those in need of alcohol treatment – and development of alcohol treatment pilots in primary care
 - Investment in additional nursing and key-worker staff at Chesterfield Hospital to improve continuity of care between hospital and community treatment for some of the most complex individuals
 - Drug Test on Arrest (DToA) Coordinator appointed by the Police; training for DToA to be commenced in early 2024 and implementation workstreams in place
 - Use of Clear Hold Build by the Police in key hotspot areas to support communities following the disruption of supply.

- 4.9 The result of these changes are now being seen across the system. Across Derby City we can report the following improvements:
- 20% increase in numbers in alcohol treatment; 35% showing substantial progress (previously 27%)
 - 36% increase in numbers accessing inpatient detox
 - 1001 new presentations to drug treatment
 - 60% increase in young people accessing specialist substance misuse treatment services*
 - 4% increase in number of adults in drug and alcohol treatment; 40% of people accessing services showing substantial progress
 - 60% of prison leavers (70% for female prisoners) with a continued treatment need picked up in community treatment services within 3 weeks (up by 15%)
 - 23% decrease in deaths whilst clients are in drug and alcohol treatment
 - 5% decrease in unmet mental health treatment need for opiate and alcohol users.

Public/stakeholder engagement

- 5.1 The DASP is a Partnership formed of stakeholders. Public involvement and lived experience feeds into the DASP via its sub-group structure.

Other options

- 6.1 No other options considered; Combatting Drugs Partnerships are mandatory.

Financial and value for money issues

- 7.1 None arising directly from this report.

Legal implications

- 8.1 None arising directly from this report.

Socio-Economic implications

- 9.1 None directly arising from this report. The socio-economic impact of drugs and alcohol is, however, central to the work of the DASP.

Climate implications

- 10.1 None arising directly from this report.

Other significant implications

11.1 None directly arising.

This report has been approved by the following people:

Role	Name	Date of sign-off
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Background papers: List of appendices:	Appendix 1 - Summary of National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework- Supporting metrics and technical guidance
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