

## **INTEGRATED CARE PARTNERSHIP**

## **ITEM 06**

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

#### **Purpose**

- 1.1 To provide background information on the establishment of the Drug and Alcohol Strategic Partnership (DASP) for Derby and Derbyshire, its purpose and its work to-date, including assessment of need and identification of shared priorities.
- 1.2 To provide an overview of the cost of drugs and alcohol to the Integrated Care Partnership, in terms of activity, demand and financial spend.
- 1.3 To affirm the importance of the Partnership.

#### **Recommendations**

- 2.1 The ICP is recommended 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 The ICP is recommended to support engagement of the Local Authorities and the NHS with the DASP, enabling the impacts of drugs and alcohol on Local Authority clients, residents and NHS patients to be fully responded to and included within the strategic objectives of the Partnership.
- 2.3 The ICP is recommended to take note of the strategic priorities of the DASP for the coming year and ensure they are reflected in relevant ICP strategies and plans as appropriate, including those currently under development by the NHS.

- 2.4 The ICP is recommended to receive an update from the DASP at appropriate points, but annually as a minimum. It is recommended that a closer working relationship with the Integrated Place Executive is developed to facilitate this work.

## **Reasons**

- 3.1 To ensure that the ICP is kept updated on the work of the Derby and Derbyshire DASP and reflects the strategic direction set by the DASP in its own strategies and plans.
- 3.2 To facilitate the development of a closer working relationship with Place, to ensure that the work of the DASP is more visible within the wider health, public health, and social care plans for the ICP.

## 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). See Appendix 1, From Harm to Hope. The headline objectives of the Partnerships are to:
- Reduce drug (and alcohol)-related harm and deaths;
  - Reduce drug-related crime;
  - Reduce drug use.
- 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 2).
- 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.

4.6 Needs assessments have been completed by Derbyshire Constabulary, Derby and Derbyshire Probation Services and Public Health at both Local Authorities. These have determined a shared set of priorities for the work of the DASP as it moves into its second year:

- To increase numbers in treatment and increase the proportion of women and people from diverse ethnic backgrounds in treatment;
- To decrease deaths and increase the availability of naloxone;
- To improve the quality of services and improve pathways between agencies and services for those people in treatment;
- To understand the unmet needs of alcohol users;
- To improve data recording across all agencies.

Once completed by the ICB, the needs assessment from an NHS perspective will further inform these priorities.

4.7 In order to work effectively and efficiently, the DASP will need to share data between all member agencies; a Data Sharing Agreement and a Partnership Agreement are being drawn up to enable this.

## 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.

## Climate implications

- 9.1 None arising directly from this report.

## Socio-Economic implications

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

## 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 - From Harm to Hope, A 10 year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives Appendix 2 - National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework Supporting metrics and technical guidance
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