



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

## ADULT SERVICES AND HEALTH COMMISSION 16 April 2007

Report of the Director of Corporate and Adult Social Services

### Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

#### RECOMMENDATION

- 1.1 To consider and comment on the Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

#### SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 2.1 Alcohol abuse can create a range of problems for the society as well as having major detrimental affect on the health of individual's involved in it. Tackling the problems associated with alcohol abuse is a priority for the Government as it encourages local partnerships to place this high on their agenda. The Government is considering for example, banning pregnant women from drinking. The move comes amid fears about women binge-drinking and the risk of brain damage to babies caused by alcohol during pregnancy.
- 2.2 The Chair and Vice Chair of this Commission felt that this is an important health issues which should be considered by the members of the Commission. Derby PCT has been invited to outline the problems associated with alcohol abuse, who it impacts on the most and the strategy being adopted in the city to address these problems.
- 2.3 The attached Alcohol Reduction Harm Strategy has been developed by the Derby City PCT to address the problems associated with alcohol abuse. The strategy takes a multi agency approach to reducing the harm caused by alcohol in derby and covers four main areas:
  - Improving information
  - Treatment in line with Models of Care
  - Reducing crime and disorder
  - Working with the industry
- 2.4 Members are asked to consider and comment on the attached strategy.

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<b>Background papers:</b>	None
<b>List of appendices:</b>	Appendix 1 - Implications Appendix 2 – Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy

## Appendix 1

### IMPLICATIONS

#### Financial

1. None arising from this report.

#### Legal

2. Section 7 of the Health and Social Care Act 2001 requires NHS health bodies to consult with health overview and scrutiny committees on any proposals they may have for substantial variation or development of health services.

#### Personnel

3. None arising from this report.

#### Equalities impact

4. Effective scrutiny will benefit all Derby people.

#### Corporate Priorities

5. This report links with Council's priority for 2007-10 to help us all to be healthy and active.