

<b>Meeting date</b>	14 December 2023
<b>Subject</b>	Update on the Local Implementation of the National Drug Strategy
<b>Wards Affected</b>	All
<b>Report of</b>	Director of Public Health

#### **Why is it coming here?**

Partners in Calderdale are working together to implement the national drug strategy locally. This included the establishment of the Calderdale Strategic Drug and Alcohol Partnership, which reports to this Health and Wellbeing Board.

The Health and Wellbeing Board has previously agreed that it would like to receive updates on local progress with the implementation of the National Drug Strategy and this report and attached presentation aim to provide an update of progress to date.

#### **What are the key points?**

Calderdale's Vision 2024 is to be a place where everyone can live a larger life. The refreshed Wellbeing Strategy sets 4 priority outcomes across each stage of the life course that will enable Calderdale's people and communities to be well enough to live that Larger Life aspired to in our Vision. We know however that drug use is preventing too many people in Calderdale from living that larger life; and that trauma, mental health problems, drug use and disadvantage combine to lead to further ill health, premature death, housing insecurity and offending, in an already vulnerable population. This was most powerfully highlighted in the Burnt Bridges Safeguarding review.

The Independent Review of Drugs and subsequent From Harm to Hope National Drug Strategy place responsibilities on local authorities and our partners to work together to tackle drug related harm, improve drug treatment and improve outcomes for drug users; supported by ring fenced investment for drug treatment.

The attached presentation sets out the priorities for the local delivery of the national drug strategy. It highlights some of the action that has been taken to date and sets out drug and alcohol performance information.

Partnership working both strategic and operational levels through a multi-disciplinary team has led to a reduction in deaths and hospitalisation, an outstanding CQC inspection for local drug and alcohol treatment services and national recognition of an innovative programme to reduce drug related offending. Most importantly of all it is leading to a shift in culture among partners enabling the provision of co-produced, joined up, trauma-informed support to reduce drug and alcohol related crime. A case study is included in the presentation to highlight the impact of this.

<b>Recommendations</b>
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Health and Wellbeing Board members are asked to:
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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1) Explore how their organisation is contributing to the 6 priority goals of the local strategy and what more they can do</li><li>2) Consider how we can strengthen system working on drug and alcohol related harms</li><li>3) Champion and embed trauma informed approaches within our organisational cultures, policy and practices</li></ol> |
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