

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Health and Wellbeing Board	4 March 2013
Subject: Substance Misuse Planning for 2013/14	Public
Report of: Acting Director of Community & Children's Services	For Information
<p>Summary</p> <p>On 12 November 2012 the Substance Misuse Team moved from the Town Clerk's Department to the People Directorate within DCCS. From April 2013 substance misuse forms part of the Public Health responsibility of local authorities and will therefore be adopted by the City of London Corporation.</p> <p>During 2012/13 the Substance Misuse Partnership (SMP) received approximately £369,000 in funding via the Primary Care Trust and the Home Office, plus an additional £29,000 from the Safer City Partnership. Funding streams have changed under the new arrangements and the majority of funding has been incorporated into the Public Health allocation.</p> <p>A review of substance misuse services will be undertaken during 2013/14 in partnership with Hackney Borough Council. The 2013/14 business plan has therefore been formulated based on a maintained level of funding for the transitional year.</p> <p>Recommendation(s)</p> <p>Members are asked to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the report and business plan for 2013/14; and • Agree the business planning objectives that sit within the strategic priorities of the Health & Wellbeing board. 	

Main Report

Background

The City of London Substance Misuse Partnership (CoL SMP) is a multi-agency partnership tasked with implementing national drug and alcohol strategies at a local level. The work of the partnership covers:

- Interventions to disrupt the supply of illegal drugs – this is led by the City of London Police.

- Treatment – The partnership is responsible for the commissioning of drug and alcohol treatment for City residents.
- The cross cutting agenda – Drugs and alcohol cut across a wide range of agendas such as the night-time economy, housing, training & employment, criminal justice and public health. The partnership brings these agendas together to help co-ordinate a consistent approach within the City by coordinating approaches of colleagues from Partnership.
- Children, young people and families – to help ensure that the relevant organisations are taking full account of substance misuse issues in their strategies, planning and service delivery.
- Community Liaison – the Partnership works with communities and families experiencing problems with drugs.

Because of the nature of the City with its small number of residents and large daytime population the SMP also covers substance misuse issues which affect businesses and their employees. Resources are limited, so the SMP have been restricted in the amount of work they have been able to do with City businesses; but this is an area for potential development.

Staffing

The SMP is supported by a small team who coordinate activity across the City, consisting of the Substance Misuse Manager, Development Officer and Administrative Support Officer, who are based at the Guildhall.

The Arrest Referral and Outreach Team provide services directly to residents, workers and visitors to the City of London. The team consists of; a Senior Arrest Referral Worker, a Restrictions on Bail/Arrest Referral Worker and an Outreach/Arrest Referral Worker. This team is based at Bishopsgate police station as they predominantly carry out work within the criminal justice system.

In addition to the staff who are directly employed, the SMP also commission two part-time Care Managers who sit within the Adult's Social Care team and a Specialist Substance Misuse Nurse who is part of the NHS. The Substance Misuse Manager also works in collaboration with NHS East London and the City to commission the Specialist Addiction Unit (drugs) and the Grove Alcohol Recovery Centre.

Membership

The partnership is made up from two boards; the Strategy Group and the Operational Group.

Memberships of the boards:

Strategy Group

- Department of Community and Children's Services (CoLC)
- City of London Police
- East London NHS Foundation Trust
- NHS East London and the City

- London Probation Trust
- London Drug and Alcohol Policy Forum
- Economic Development Office (CoLC)

Operational Group

- Adult Services (DCCS, CoLC)
- Children's Services (DCCS, CoLC)
- Homelessness and Housing Options (DCCS, CoLC)
- Commissioning (DCCS, CoLC)
- Housing (DCCS, CoLC)
- Safer City Partnership (CoLC)
- Economic Development (CoLC)
- NHS East London and the City
- City of London Police
- London Probation Trust

Current Position

1. During 2011/12 the SMP provided a broad range of services across the City and specifically; delivered treatment for 34 individuals (17 for drug misuse and 17 for alcohol misuse) and carried out 407 assessments as part of the Drug Interventions Programme (DIP) within the Criminal Justice System (CJS).
2. During 2012/13 the Substance Misuse Partnership received £232,000 for the implementation of DIP and £137,000 to provide treatment. In addition, £29,000 was provided by the Safer City Partnership via the Community Safety Grant in recognition of the SMP's contribution towards reducing crime and anti-social behaviour in the square mile.
3. From April 2013 the SMP will no longer receive grants directly. The majority (£292,000) of funding will be included within the Public Health allocation and will be un-ringfenced.
4. In addition, approximately £80,000 will form part of the the un-ringfenced Community Safety Fund which is awarded to the police. The City of London Police have acknowledged the benefits of DIP and are working with the SMP to secure this funding for 2013/14 to enable us to continue to deliver the programme.
5. The SMP will be completing a needs assessment during 2013/14 alongside a review to be undertaken with Hackney Drug and Alcohol Action Team (DAAT) which will inform any future plans and ensure that the best outcomes for the City are achieved. The review is due to begin in March 2013 and will look at all drug and alcohol services across the City and Hackney.
6. An SMP business plan has been developed for 2013/14 (Appendix 1) based on a steady state of funding during the transitional year. The business plan has been sorted into three levels of priority; Essential, Desirable and Optional. Essential actions are predominantly those that will enable the provision of effective and efficient services that will directly impact upon City residents. The majority of the desirable actions are those that involve the development of services for residents, and also some initial scoping of areas relating to the

working population and employers. Optional actions are areas of work that we would like to develop further but have less impact upon residents and may require additional expertise and resource to complete.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

7. Maintaining and developing drug and alcohol services within the City is in alignment with the proposed headline priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board:
 - Bedding-in the new system – maximising opportunities for promoting public health amongst the worker population, and taking on broader responsibilities for health.
 - Improving joint working and integration, to provide better value.
 - Addressing key health and wellbeing challenges.

Implications

8. The delivery of the proposed SMP Business Plan will ensure that high quality services for City of London residents will be maintained during the transitional year. The review, alongside the needs assessment, will then allow options for future delivery to be considered fully.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – SMP Business and Activity Plan

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