

Committee(s):	Date(s):
Safer City Partnership	14 November 2014
Subject: Substance Misuse Update	Public
Report of: Substance Misuse Manager	For Information
Summary	
<p>This report updates the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group on areas of Public Health work that will be of interest to its members. It includes information on items considered by the Partnership at the previous meeting in September and also new topics:</p> <p>Substance Misuse Commissioning Update Mental Health Update Sexual Health Update Substance Misuse Operational update</p> <p>Recommendation(s)</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. At the September meeting of the Partnership, Members agreed that it would be helpful to receive a report on a quarterly basis to update the Partnership in relation to any relevant public health updates, including contracts to be let. This is the first such update.

Current Position

Substance Misuse Commissioning Update

2. Members will remember that following the review of substance misuse and tobacco control services the recommended option of commissioning a joint service encompassing both areas was approved by the Health and Wellbeing Board and Community and Children's Services Committee. As a result of this a steering group has been set up with representatives from public health, the City of London Police and the Safer City Partnership to oversee the process of the tender. A timescale has been agreed and the new service will be in place by 1st October 2015.
3. Following the last SCP meeting, officers have been in discussion in relation to the £29,000 contribution currently made to the substance misuse programme by the Safer City Partnership, in line with the City Service Based Review. It was agreed as a result of this that from 1st April 2015 the Partnership would

no longer routinely fund substance misuse work, but that it would instead fund discreet projects or pieces of work that needed to be completed. Work is now ongoing to identify the types of project that may be commissioned to ensure that this is included within the specification for a new provider.

Mental Health Update

4. The commissioning team are currently undertaking a review of public mental health services within the City and will be developing a proposal for the commissioning of future services for the approval of the HWB and DCCS.
5. NHS England are currently in the process of commissioning a Police Custody Healthcare Service in conjunction with the City of London Police and British Transport Police, to include a mental health liaison diversion service. Further information can be found on this service here:
<http://www.england.nhs.uk/ourwork/commissioning/health-just/liaison-and-diversion/ld-about/>

Sexual Health Update

6. The commissioning team will shortly be undertaking a review of sexual health services commissioned by public health, and developing an integrated sexual health programme for residents and workers within the City.
7. In the short term, we are commissioning an extension to the “C-Card” scheme, which currently provides free condoms to teenagers. Under the extension, adults known to substance misuse services or those identified as vulnerable by sexual health services will also be eligible for the scheme, with the aim of reducing sexually transmitted infections among this cohort.

Substance Misuse Operational Update

8. The Memorandum of Understanding for the Drug Intervention Programme is attached as an appendix for information. The document has now been signed off and the first review meeting took place on the 11th November.
9. At Bishopsgate police station, the proportion of positive tests increased from 43% in Q1 this year to 49% in Q2. The target for this measure is 50%. The number of drug tests for violent offences has remained steady (8 in Q1 and 7 in Q2), which is promising, although there is still room for improvement, especially given the training delivered for officers in June 2014.
10. The Substance Misuse Partnership has been part of Alcohol Concern’s Blue Light Project, a national initiative to develop alternative approaches and care pathways for treatment resistant drinkers who place a burden on public services, including social care, health and the criminal justice system. It has challenged the traditional approach by showing that there are positive

strategies that can be used with this client group and developed a number of tools for us to use to develop our work. The project is supported by Public Health England and 23 local authorities across the country. A representative from Alcohol Concern attended the Substance Misuse Partnership Strategy Group meeting on the 11th November to update them on this work.

11. Alcohol Concern is working on behalf of the National Recovery Partnership to review the current state of alcohol treatment in England. This will initially be a six month project which will look at how changes in health and social care have impacted on aspects of a journey through alcohol treatment. The City is hosting a workshop for the Recovery Partnership on the 25th November, which will bring together commissioners and front-line workers to discuss the local alcohol treatment system. Attendance at the workshop is open to anyone who would like to participate in the review. Please contact Emma Marwood-Smith to book a place.

Future updates

12. It would be useful to have a steer from this group about what information it would like included in future updates.

Appendix 1: Memorandum of Understanding

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