

Committee(s)	Date:
Safer City Partnership	3rd March 2015
Subject: Public Health Update	Public
Report of: Substance Misuse Manager	For Information
<p style="text-align: center;">Summary</p> <p>This report updates the Safer City Partnership Strategy Group on areas of Public Health work that will be of interest to its members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Drug Intervention Programme Substance Misuse Needs Assessment Substance Misuse Training Health Behaviours Service Mental Health <p>Recommendation:</p> <p>Members are asked to note the report.</p>	

Main Report

Drug Intervention Programme

1. During Quarter 3 there were significant improvements in the number of Inspector Authority drug tests carried out by police officers, 18 in December 2014 alone compared to 8 during the whole of Quarter 1. In addition, the overall positive rate of all drug tests has increased suggesting that police officers are targeting the right detainees for drug tests. Reasons for the improvements are the training provided by the Substance Misuse Team for police officers, increased co-operation between police officers and the Substance Misuse Team, including new quarterly update meetings and increased efforts by senior officers to encourage and support custody staff.

Substance Misuse Needs Assessment

2. A joint City and Hackney Substance Misuse Needs Assessment has recently been completed, and from this a City Supplement will be developed. Further updates in relation to this will be provided to the Safer City Partnership at future meetings.

Substance Misuse Training

3. During Quarter 4 substance misuse training is being provided for the Adult Social Care team and the Children and Families Team on a range of topics including Identification and brief advice and both basic and advanced drug and alcohol awareness. This service is available to all front-line teams and can be tailored to individual needs. Please contact emma.marwood-smith@cityoflondon.gov.uk for more information.

Healthy Behaviours Service

4. The tender process is currently underway, and the Pre-Qualification Questionnaire is due to be returned by interested providers by 6th March 2015, with evaluation happening shortly after. The specification is very nearly complete, and there has been input from representatives from the partnership via the steering group for the service. We are still on track with the planned procurement timetable, and the new service is still anticipated to start on 1st October 2015.
5. Bidders have been reminded that canvassing of officers or Members of the Corporation is strictly prohibited and all communications in relation to the services should be via the London Tenders Portal. Should any member or officer receive communications directly please contact lorna.corbin@cityoflondon.gov.uk

Mental Health

6. A joint City and Hackney Mental Health Needs Assessment has recently been completed, and from this a City Supplement will be developed. This will inform a City Mental Health Strategy, from which a commissioning plan will be developed. Further updates in relation to this will be provided to the Safer City Partnership at future meetings.

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