

Title: Torbay Drug and Alcohol Partnership (TDAP)
Wards Affected: All
To: Health & Wellbeing Board **On:** 22nd June 2023
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1. Purpose

1.1 To present the new Drug and Alcohol Partnership for Torbay

2. Recommendation

2.1 Members are asked to note the new partnership, its aims and objectives and the underlying national 10 year drug strategy 'From Harm to Hope.'

3. Supporting Information

3.1 The National Drugs Strategy

In 2021, the UK Government published its 10-year drugs strategy, From Harm to Hope. This followed on from Dame Carol Black's Independent Review of Drugs. The release of the strategy coincided with a period of escalating drug-related deaths in the UK surpassing the rates of many other countries.

'Drug related harm' is a term commonly used in the Strategy – it encompasses the negative health and social impacts associated with illicit drug use and the involvement of drug markets. The Strategy acknowledges that current approaches have not effectively reduced these harms. Various health and social issues including socio-economic deprivation, mental and physical health problems, stigma, trauma and homelessness may both pre-dispose and be exacerbated by drug dependence.

The Strategy is to be delivered through three 'pillars' or priority areas that focuses on both adults and young people.

3.1.2 1. Breaking drugs supply chains: reducing drug availability by targeting supply chains, including international, wholesale and retail providers with a particular focus on county lines drug dealing (when drugs are transported from cities to other areas and sold via a mobile phone 'line.'

2. Delivering a world class treatment and recovery system. Rebuilding and re-investing in treatment services, promoting integration of drug treatment, health and criminal justice services. Also, improving employment and accommodation opportunities.

3. Achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs. Reducing demand by applying 'tougher and more meaningful consequences' to deter use, delivering education programmes in schools and supporting at risk families.

3.1.3. Delivery mechanism: each local authority is required to create a strategic Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) to oversee delivery against the three pillars plus 15 supporting Commitments. Delivery will be monitored through a National Outcomes Framework and supporting metrics (see Appendix). Every CDP should comprise all relevant agencies and have senior leadership - usually through the local authority.

- Each CDP is required to undertake a local *Drug and Alcohol Needs Assessment* – outlining Torbay's position against the national metrics and identifying potential early areas of delivery (see Appendix).
- Each CDP is then required to design and deliver an *Action Plan* that includes all local groups with current and intended delivery against the 3 pillars and 15 commitments, as well as recognising and actioning improvement required and gaps in the system.

Though 'light touch', governance and oversight are provided at national level by the Joint Combating Drugs Unit (JCDU), with every CDP required to submit update reports on a regular basis.

3.1.4 Outcomes and Metrics (example only, full set available in the National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework Pg 6&7)

1. Strategic

- *Outcome:* Reduce drug related crime
- *Headline Metric:* Number of neighbourhood crimes, domestic burglary, vehicle offences and theft from the person
- *Supporting Metric:* Proven re-offending within 12 months

2. Intermediate

- *Outcome:* Increase engagement in treatment
- *Headline Metric:* Continuity of care – engagement in community based structured treatment within three weeks of leaving prison (adults)
- *Supporting Metric:* Number of individuals in treatment in prisons and secure settings

3.2 Torbay Drug & Alcohol Partnership (TDAP)

Alongside other CDPs in the region, Torbay took the early step of including alcohol in local delivery and planning. This step has been encouraged by JCDU due to the integral nature of drugs and alcohol including dual use and the harms outlined in 3.1.

Achievements to date:

- TDAP *Terms of Reference* agreed.
- Partnership meetings held since Sept 2022
- Torbay *Joint Needs Assessment* completed (see Appendix). This then informs the *Delivery Plan* currently in development: mapping current and intended delivery by Torbay multi agency groups against the pillars, commitments and metrics.

3.2.1 Examples of work included within the Delivery Plan:

Priority 1: Breaking the Drug Supply Chains.

- D&C Police campaign to raise awareness of the signs of exploitation in adults and young people due to County Lines recruitment.
- Enhanced prison search capability. HMP Exeter has an airport style metal detection system and x-ray baggage scanners.

Priority 2: Deliver a World Class Treatment and Recovery System.

- A virtual multi-disciplinary team now meets every quarter to discuss care experienced adults who have complex multiple needs and are either homeless or at risk of homelessness.
- Drug and Alcohol Service service now doing prison in-reach work to enable release planning.
- Social Prescriber based in Probation supporting those with substance misuse issues transitioning into the community and meeting their wider health needs.

Priority 3: Achieve a Generational Shift in the Demand for Drugs

- Substance Misuse Outreach Worker to deliver place and education based support, increasing numbers in treatment and strengthen referral pathways.
- Workforce development and training in dual diagnosis (substance misuse/mental health).

4. **Relationship to Joint Strategic Needs Assessment**

4.1 Utilises the same data sources for drug and alcohol as incorporated in the TDAP Drug and Alcohol Joint Needs Assessment.

5. Relationship to Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

5.1 TDAP focus on the life course and multiple workstreams supports numerous Priority Areas 1-4 of the strategy.

6. Implications for future iterations of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and/or Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy

6.1 No implications at this point.

Appendices

[Outcomes Framework & Supporting Metrics](#)

Torbay Drug and Alcohol Joint Needs Assessment (including pillar/Priority Areas and Commitments).



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Background Papers

[National Drugs Strategy 'From Harm to Hope'](#)

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