

REPORT TO: Safer Policy and Performance Board

DATE: 20th February 2018

REPORTING OFFICER Strategic Director – Enterprise, Community and Resources

PORTFOLIO: Community Safety

SUBJECT: Alcohol and Substance Misuse service in Halton

WARDS: Borough Wide

1.0 PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

1.1 To receive a presentation on the work carried out by the Integrated Substance Misuse Service (CGL) to tackle Alcohol and Substance misuse across the partnership in the Borough.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION: That

- 1. the report be noted; and**
- 2. the Board consider the information presented and raise any questions of interest or points of clarification following the presentation.**

3.0 SUPPORTING INFORMATION

3.1 Halton Integrated Substance Misuse Service is a fully integrated substance misuse service offering rapid and open access to assessment and treatment for people experiencing problems with drugs and/or alcohol, promoting recovery from addiction and dependence.

Recovery services include:

- Syringe exchange
- Health screening including vaccination for BBV
- Harm reductions
- SMART mutual aid groups
- Foundations for Recovery – therapeutic group
- Alcohol group work (EBI)
- Opiate replacement prescribing
- Breakfast clubs
- Shared care
- DIP programme DRR, ATR and TOA
- Build recovery in the community – various groups and activities i.e allotment group

- Peer mentoring
- Volunteering
- Community detoxification for alcohol and opiate
- Access to inpatient detoxification and rehabilitation
- VIDA holistic therapies
- Carer and Family group

4.0 EMERGING ISSUES

4.1 Cheshire and Merseyside Five Year Forward View Alcohol Board

Established: The Cheshire and Merseyside FYFV programme plan sets out actions which if delivered at scale will prevent alcohol-related harm, improve health and social outcomes for individuals and communities and reduce demand on local services across health, social services and criminal justice settings. A multi-agency board has been established to provide oversight and drive this work forward.

- ##### 4.2 Service User Deaths:
- Between 01/04/2016 until 31/03/2017 there have been 20 service user deaths reported in Halton Integrated Recovery Service. Eleven of these service users were recorded as residing in Widnes and nine as residing in Runcorn. Of the deaths reported 18 service users were male. CGL have recognised that this information corresponds with the office of national statistics report which explored 'deaths related to drug poisoning in England and Wales 2015'. Within this report it states *'Males were almost 3 times more likely to die from drug misuse than females (65.5 and 22.4 deaths per million population for males and females respectively)*.

The investigation found the number of service users deaths were at its highest at the age range of 45-54. Of the 20 deaths CGL's investigation has found that 10 accessed the service for support with alcohol use, 5 opiate, 1 opiate and cocaine, 1 cannabis, 1 amphetamine and 2 alcohol and cocaine.

Halton Integrated Recovery Service has witnessed a significant increase in complexity of need for alcohol service users. A number of the alcohol deaths that occurred has been referred to the service whilst in hospital accessing treatment for acute health needs.

From the investigation CGL have established that better liaison with the local hospitals is required to establish whether or not their physical health is their primary presenting issue and if recovery orientated services are suitable at that time.

5.0 FINANCIAL UPDATE

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- No significant impacts within the quarter from a financial perspective.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL'S PRIORITIES

6.1 Children and Young People in Halton

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the health, safety and well-being of young people.

6.2 Employment, Learning and Skills in Halton

None identified.

6.3 A Healthy Halton

The Community Safety Service as a universal service impacts on the Health, safety and well-being of the residents of Halton.

6.4 A Safer Halton

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6.5 Halton's Urban Renewal

None identified.

7.0 RISK ANALYSIS

7.1 None identified.

8.0 EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY ISSUES

8.1 None identified.

9.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS UNDER SECTION 100D OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

There are no background papers under the meaning of the Act.