

COMMUNITY OUTCOMES MEETING

TACKLE CRIME AND ANTI SOCIAL BEHAVIOUR MEETING

17 APRIL 2018

SUBJECT: DRUG AND ALCOHOL MISUSE

Report of the Chief Constable

<p>PURPOSE OF THE REPORT</p> <p>1. This report outlines the Force's current position in relation to the partnership approach to Drug and Alcohol Misuse.</p>
<p>RECOMMENDATION</p> <p>2. That the Police and Crime Commissioner uses this report to scrutinise Force performance in respect of Drug and Alcohol Misuse</p>
<p>POLICE AND CRIME PLAN</p> <p>3. Substance abuse is often linked to crime and ASB and therefore causes harm not only to the individual but also to the wider community. We cannot hope to reduce crime and reoffending without tackling the underlying problems such as substance abuse, and we can only do this by working together. The PCC has said he will continually review the progress in reducing the number of people struggling with substance abuse, and will work to educate people around the risks of drugs and alcohol.</p>
<p>KEY INFORMATION</p> <p>The PCC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Commissioned a review of the West Yorkshire Drugs Intervention Programme• Following the review the PCC widened the definition to include all drugs and alcohol misuse.• Raised the profile and drugs and alcohol through the Community Safety Forum and a Forum workshop on this priority is planned for July 2018.• Continued to provide funding for tackling drug and alcohol misuse to community safety partners in all five local authority areas in West Yorkshire• Ensured the Police have additional resource towards tackling drugs and alcohol misuse within custody settings.• There have also been 45 Projects funded under the Safer Communities Fund at a cost of £184,529 to deliver on this priority at a local level.
<p>PARTNERSHIP WORKING</p> <p>4. The PCC recognises that to tackle community safety problems through drugs and alcohol misuse is a wider partnership endeavour, public health in particular have a large role to play.</p>

The PCC has continued to provide funding through his Community Safety Fund to Community Safety Partnerships to enable them to commission appropriate services for each local area.

ATTACHMENT

- [Chief Constables report – Partnership Approach to Drugs and Alcohol Misuse](#) (PDF 296KB)