

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.• Worked with CSPs to ensure it’s a Priority across West Yorkshire• 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 130 Projects funded under the Safer Communities Fund at a cost of £616,874.35 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. 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.</p> <p>5. The PCC is currently sponsoring ongoing training and research work being undertaken by West Yorkshire Finding Independence (WYFI) utilising their Big Lottery Fund underspend. WYFI</p>

support those who have multiple and complex needs which includes substance misuse, and their navigator methodology enhances the chances of a positive response to substance misuse services.

6. The User Voice report, commissioned by the PEG, which is being launched in October, gives insight into the challenges which users face in accessing and maximising substance misuse services. The recommendations from this report will be taken forward via the Reducing Reoffending Board.
7. Via the Females at Risk of offending Forum, Mark has supported more bespoke services for women, and the Together Women Project in Bradford have recently commissioned an integrated substance misuse clinic, into their existing drop in centre. This allows women to access services, in a neutral and familiar environment, alongside other support, and ensures that women are not intimidated, exploited or stigmatised in the way they would if they were to attend a conventional drugs treatment centre for help.

ATTACHMENT

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