

Bury Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of the Report	Greater Manchester drug and alcohol strategy update
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1. Executive Summary

Is this report for?	Information ✓	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Why is this report being brought to the Board?	To update the Board about the GM drug and alcohol strategy and our local approach.		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy priorities the report relates to. (See attached Strategy) www.theburydirectory.co.uk/healthandwellbeingboard	The reports relates to all priorities, as addressing drugs and alcohol supports health and wellbeing of residents of all ages		
Please detail which, if any, of the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment priorities the report relates to. (See attached JSNA) http://jsna.theburydirectory.co.uk/kb5/bury/jsna/home.page	As above		
Key Actions for the Health and Wellbeing Board / proposed recommendations for action.	To note the paper and support the ongoing work to address drug and alcohol related issues.		
What requirement is there for internal or external communication around this area?	For stakeholders to support key messages in internal and external communications campaigns.		
Assurance and tracking process – Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG Board/other stakeholders....please provide details.	No		

2. Introduction / Background

When formally published this will be the first ever Greater Manchester drug and alcohol strategy setting out a collective ambition to significantly reduce the risks and harms caused by drugs and alcohol and help make Greater Manchester one of the best places in the world to grow up, get on and grow old.

The Greater Manchester drug and alcohol strategy has been subject to public consultation and co-designed with a wide range of stakeholders to provide a framework for localities and wider partners. It is underpinned by the principles of public service and place based reform which call for person centred approaches, integrated partnership working between services and a focus on collaboration, prevention and intervening early to stop problems escalating.

Drugs and alcohol are everybody's business. Drugs and alcohol impact on the health and wellbeing of our residents, the safety of our communities, and the vibrancy and economic future of our town centres and night time economies. It is everyone's responsibility to make sure we minimise the potential risks and harms they cause.

3. key issues for the Board to Consider

We continue to experience long-standing problems with alcohol and the financial cost of alcohol to Greater Manchester is significant. It is estimated that expenditure on alcohol related crime, health, worklessness and social care costs amount to £1.3bn per annum - approaching £500 per resident.

Alcohol places a significant burden on public services, causes health problems such as cancer, liver cirrhosis and heart disease, affects the well-being of families, and is a major contributor to domestic abuse, violent crime and public disorder. We know that the issues caused by alcohol are not simply about people becoming dependent and that too many people may be unaware that they are drinking to harmful levels.

We know that the vast majority of national surveys have shown a long term downward trend in drug and alcohol use amongst adults and young people. We also know that locally our treatment services are more recovery focused than they used to be and that more people are successfully completing treatment, but there is much more to be done.

Recommendations for action

The Board is asked to note the information in the presentation and support the ongoing regional and local work to address drug and alcohol related issues.

4. Financial and legal implications (if any)

If necessary please seek advice from the Council Monitoring Officer Jayne Hammond (J.M.Hammond@bury.gov.uk) or Section 151 Officer Steve Kenyon (S.Kenyon@bury.gov.uk).

There are no known legal implications to this report.

5. Equality/Diversity Implications. Please attach the completed Equality and Analysis Form if required.

Not applicable

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