

Decision Maker: N/A - Information Item (HWB)

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Decision Type: Non-Urgent

Title: CDAP (Combatting Drugs and Alcohol Partnership) Update

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Ward: N/A

1. Reason for decision/report and options

- 1.1 Bromley's CDAP was established in September 2022. The purpose of this paper is to provide an overview of CDAP and an update on the partnership.
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2. **RECOMMENDATION(S)**

Not Applicable

Impact on Vulnerable Adults and Children

1. Not Applicable
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Transformation Policy

1. Policy Status: Not Applicable
 2. Making Bromley Even Better Priority (*delete as appropriate*):
 - (1) For children and young people to grow up, thrive and have the best life chances in families who flourish and are happy to call Bromley home.
 - (2) For adults and older people to enjoy fulfilled and successful lives in Bromley, ageing well, retaining independence and making choices.
 - (3) For people to make their homes in Bromley and for business, enterprise and the third sector to prosper.
 - (4) For residents to live responsibly and prosper in a safe, clean and green environment great for today and a sustainable future.
 - (5) To manage our resources well, providing value for money, and efficient and effective services for Bromley's residents.
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Financial

1. Cost of proposal: Not Applicable
 2. Ongoing costs: Not Applicable
 3. Budget head/performance centre:
 4. Total current budget for this head: £
 5. Source of funding:
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Personnel

1. Number of staff (*current and additional*):
 2. If from existing staff resources, number of staff hours:
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Legal

1. Legal Requirement: None:
 2. Call-in: Not Applicable
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Procurement

1. Summary of Procurement Implications: Not Applicable
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Property

1. Summary of Property Implications: Not Applicable
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Carbon Reduction and Social Value

1. Summary of Carbon Reduction/Sustainability Implications:
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Impact on the Local Economy

1. Summary of Local Economy Implications:
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Impact on Health and Wellbeing

1. Summary of Health and Wellbeing Implications:

Customer Impact

1. Estimated number of users or customers (*current and projected*):
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Ward Councillor Views

1. Have Ward Councillors been asked for comments? Not Applicable
2. Summary of Ward Councillors comments:

3. COMMENTARY

CDAP was established to strategically manage the challenge of substance misuse and its impact. It is formed of senior membership from a wide range of partners including Bromley Local Authority, Bromley Drug and Alcohol Service, NHS SEL ICB, Metropolitan Police BCU, Probation Services, and the Community and Voluntary Sector. Its aim is to provide borough-wide oversight in delivery of the national ten-year drug strategy with an ambition to strategically oversee a comprehensive approach to meeting the three objectives set out in the national strategy.

- Break drug supply chains
- Delivery a world class and treatment recovery system
- Achieve a generational shift in demand for drugs

Year 1 priorities

1. Establishing the partnership and identifying roles that were mandated by OHID. These include a system leadership role referred to as an SRO (Senior Responsible Officer), Dr Nada Lemic occupies this position. The Vice Chair role is shared between Mimi Morris-Cotterill (Assistant Director, Public Health) and Lucien Spencer (Head of Probation Bromley and Lewisham). Earlier this year Public Health appointed Project Officer Adam Denny as the Public Involvement Lead.

2. CDAP members agreed to progress delivery of objectives and to implement several key recommendations set out in Bromley's Drug and Alcohol Needs Assessments through a small number of dynamic sub-groups. The sub-groups included:

2.1 Local Drug Information System (LDIS): Established to ensure a systematic, robust and effective alert system for harmful illicit drugs identified in the local market. CDAP has enabled excellent buy-in from a variety of partners and LDIS process has been reviewed with new partners invited to be involved in the process. All partners have been reminded of the 'system' and their function within the process. Partners understand the need to both raise concerns when necessary and share information effectively throughout their organisation in a timely manner to protect as many people within our community as possible. A key positive development is that alerts will now also feature harm reduction messages as they are generated.

2.2 Criminal Justice System & Substance Misuse Sub-group: This sub-group serves as a practitioner level group bringing together the various partners who support service users leaving prison with substance and alcohol addiction. The purpose of the group is to identify blockages within the system to ensure needs can be effectively met, and that people leaving prison can continue their recovery and transition into the community with ease. One key national measure is the 'Continuity of Care' rate, this illustrates numbers engaging in structured treatment after prison release, Bromley rates have risen from around 20% in 2021 to closer to 40% in 2023. Key achievements of this group over the past 18 months include, regular co-location of the drug service within the Probation Service, ensuring referrals and alerts from prison to the community drug service are being issued, generating improvements based on best practice and introducing prison in-reach groups into our main referring prison. The group has plans for further improvements, such as increasing co-location and maximising good use of information sharing to best support this client group.

2.3 Data and intelligence Sub-group: Led by the Public Health Intelligence Team, a Local Outcome's Framework has been developed based on objectives from the National Drug Strategy and local priorities. CDAP members are collaborating in identifying data sets there are available locally that can be shared to support the delivery of a local plan with a whole-system approach and going forward the group will monitor the partnership's performance and delivery.

2.4 Drug and Alcohol Related Deaths (DARD) Sub-group: The main aim is to minimise the risk of further drug and/or alcohol related deaths occurring in the London Borough of Bromley through better understanding the factors contributing to drug and/or alcohol related deaths, resulting in improved

practice and care across the system. A key ambition of the ten-year drug strategy 'From Harm to Hope' is for strong local partnerships to be formed in order to work together as a joint approach to reducing & preventing deaths.

2.5 Prevention sub-group: Achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs is one of the three key objectives set out in the national drug strategy. The subgroup has not yet formally met but CDAP's members are supporting collaborative work progressing the prevention agenda. Public Health and Bromley Changes recently had a successful meeting with secondary head teachers who are increasingly willing to engage well with the prevention offer for their school communities. Bromley's Safer Neighbourhood Board has provided funded for a County Lines Drama Production to be offered to ten schools.

3. Going forward: Other than LDIS, as all objectives have now been met for that project sub-group, the remaining four subgroups will remain under the leadership of CDAP. The partnership will continue to receive updates on the Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery (SSMTR) Grant that is being used to support delivery of objectives, particularly in relation to the criminal justice substance misuse pathway. An area for development is engaging wider partners, particularly those with lived experience. This is a key focus for the Public Involvement lead who is working to establish effective and meaningful connections between the partnership and people with lived experience.

IMPACT ON VULNERABLE ADULTS AND CHILDREN

Achieving a generational shift in the use of substances is a key priority set out in the national strategy 'From Harm to Hope' and is an area of focus at the local level. Delivering school-based prevention and early intervention – a clear expectation that students will learn about the dangers of drugs and alcohol during their time at school. Supporting young people and families most at risk of substance misuse – investing in and promoting a range of programmes that provide early, targeted support including parenting programmes.

4. TRANSFORMATION/POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

In part, CDAP's ambitions are supported through the SSMTR Grant (Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant). In particular in relation to the Criminal Justice pathway collaboration and development in Bromley. This is an annual grant distributed through OHID to support meeting the objectives set out in the national strategy. 2023-24 is the second year of SSMTR Grant funding and there is an indicative commitment to further funding for 2024-25.

6. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

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7. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

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10. CARBON REDUCTION/SOCIAL VALUE IMPLICATIONS

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Detail here any environmental, social or economic implications that have been considered as part of this proposal. This section should consider requirements of the 2012 Public Services (Social Value) Act if procuring goods or services. Authors should detail how the recommendations in this report will lead to a positive impact in terms of the Council's Carbon Reduction ambitions.

12. IMPACT ON THE LOCAL ECONOMY

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13. IMPACT ON HEALTH AND WELLBEING

The partnership is delivering system-wide improvements in the support and rehabilitation of some of our most vulnerable residents through reducing unmet need and increasing numbers successfully engaging in community treatment. The focus on continuity of treatment from prison to community substance misuse care fundamentally impacts the health and wellbeing of those released from prison to the community and significantly contributes to the chances of breaking the cycle of criminality that can be closely linked to addiction issues for these individuals.

14. CUSTOMER IMPACT

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15. WARD COUNCILLOR VIEWS

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Non-Applicable Headings:	Outlined above in relevant fields.
Background Documents: (Access via Contact Officer)	From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) Bromley's Drugs and Alcohol Needs Assessments