

LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD

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STRENGTHENING LINKS BETWEEN LEICESTERSHIRE SAFER COMMUNITIES STRATEGY BOARD AND HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD: UPDATE

Purpose of report

1. The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the progress that has been made to strengthen links between community safety and health and wellbeing.

Background

2. On 8th December 2016, the Leicestershire Safer Communities Strategy Board (LSCSB) received a presentation on the work of the Health and Wellbeing Board. The presentation detailed the proposed outcome based approach to deliver the five key priorities of the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017 – 2022. Following this, the LSCSB considered how to achieve a stronger working relationship with the Health and Wellbeing Board, including work at district level.
3. A jointly led (Leicestershire County Council's Public Health Department and Community Safety Team) workshop was held in September 2017 where local health and crime data was presented to community safety partners and a discussion on potential joint priorities took place.
4. Following the workshop, a report was tabled at the LSCSB meeting in December 2017 which endorsed the 5 priority areas of: drug misuse, alcohol misuse, mental health, domestic abuse and sexual violence. The Health and Wellbeing Board has also endorsed these 5 priority areas. This paper details the work undertaken within the priority areas over the last 12 months.

Progress to date

Drug and alcohol misuse

5. The Council's Public Health department is leading on the development of an overarching substance misuse strategy. A draft strategy will be considered by the County Council Cabinet in February prior to public consultation on the key themes of the strategy which is intended to focus on: prevention and behaviour change, early identification, treatment, recovery, enforcement and regulation.

6. At the request of LSCSB members, an annual report of district level activity from the public health commissioned community substance misuse treatment service has been produced and circulated to districts to inform the development of local strategies and action plans.
7. Performance data for Turning Point in relation to criminal justice clients shows the following:
 - Referrals into structured treatment exceeds national figures (21% vs 13%).
 - Successful completion of treatment is similar or better than national figures (table 1).

Table 1 – Successful completion of treatment for criminal justice clients

Substance Category	Local	National
Opiate	3.8%	4.0%
Non-opiate	52.6%	37.0%
Alcohol	44.8%	40.7%
Alcohol and non-opiate	47.1%	32.4%

Clients under the opiate category have the lowest success rate because a large proportion in treatment have entrenched long term drug use with the added complexities of poor health and poor social resources which are vital to aid recovery.

- Engagement of clients in community based treatment following release from prison exceeds national figures (64% vs 32%).

Mental health

8. Leicestershire County Council plays a key role in the Leicester, Leicestershire and Rutland Suicide Audit and Prevention Group (LLR SAPG). This Group exists to bring together key partners to co-ordinate strategies and actions to reduce the risks and burden of suicide locally.
9. In January 2018, Leicestershire County Council Cabinet approved the development of a Suicide Campaign (*Start a Conversation – suicide is preventable*). Focussed on pledges of support from individuals and organisations the campaign aims to challenge stigma around addressing suicidal ideation through campaigning, support for relatives bereaved through suicide, support for individuals at risk of suicide and training for individuals and organisations. The *Start a Conversation* campaign was successfully launched in September.
10. The County Council's Public Health department is working with the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (OPCC) and Leicester City Council to develop an offer for those bereaved or affected by suicide. This work has received strong support from the OPCC, which includes the provision of funding to develop a bereavement counselling service.

Domestic Abuse and Sexual Violence

11. A service is in place which is jointly commissioned by Leicestershire County Council, Leicester City Council, Rutland County Council and the OPCC across Leicestershire, Leicester City and Rutland (LLR). In addition to this, the County Council's Public Health department commission the provision of support within a refuge setting for women fleeing domestic abuse. Discussions are underway to strategically align the public health commissioned service with the wider LLR commissioned service. The key benefit is that this will provide a seamless pathway (from early identification through to recovery) of support for victims of domestic abuse which focuses on the needs of the local population.
12. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) announced the availability of £19 million of funding nationally to expand support for survivors of domestic abuse across England. Leicestershire County Council (led by Public Health and Children & Family Services) submitted an LLR wide bid in collaboration with the OPCC, local voluntary sector organisations, districts and other partners, for a share of the funding (£882,373). The funding allocation for this project (The Hope Project) has been approved by MHCLG. The funding will provide:
 - 21 additional units (beds) of refuge accommodation including 12 BAME specialist units with extended staff support in place so that victims with multiple vulnerabilities can be accommodated. The additional units will accommodate larger families and there will also be additional places in the County to reduce the numbers turned away.
 - A wraparound service to individuals housed in alternative accommodation i.e. not in refuge accommodation.
 - Mental health support so that wider numbers can be supported and victims who need the support can be reached earlier. This will be provided by a dedicated mental health practitioner with some support from a psychologist.
 - A rolling programme of an evidence based emotional management programme for victims which aims to address the effects of trauma.
 - Substance misuse support. This will be provided by a dedicated substance misuse practitioner.
 - A project coordinator who will lead on policy change in local authority housing departments to make whole scale improvements across the sub-region with the aim of strengthening links between housing authorities and providers of domestic abuse services.
 - Academic evaluation of the project.
13. Implementation of the project will commence in January 2019 and will run until the end of March 2020. This bid is focused on meeting the needs of existing gaps in service provision and will provide intelligence to shape future service provision.
14. A Domestic Abuse Strategy Planning Group has been setup (led by Children and Family Services) to develop a local action plan for implementation of the LLR Domestic and Sexual Violence and Abuse Strategy (2018-2021). Public Health is providing input into this group to explore local need and by reviewing

the evidence base and best practice to support the development of a local offer for service provision.

Other ongoing work

15. The County Council's Business Intelligence team is developing a tableau (an analytical software programme) dashboard that pools together an array of health and crime indicators with the aim of providing timely access to health and community safety data to support evidence based practice. The team is currently exploring options for making this information easy accessible to partners.
16. The OPCC are leading on the development of 'People Zones' which are geographically defined areas wherein public services (including health, police, local authorities, fire services and criminal justice services) work collaboratively to address the key social problems for that particular area. The outcomes of the People Zones project link closely to that of the Unified Prevention Board, a sub-group of the Leicestershire Health and Wellbeing Board. The aim of the Unified Prevention Board is to develop a unified prevention offer across Leicestershire that ensures vulnerable people have better access to information, support and advice to reduce their risk of reaching crisis point. Key to this model is the use of 'First Contact Plus', a County Council service acting as the 'front door' to a range of preventative, advice and support services. This is supplemented by the work of Local Area Coordinators in some parts of the County and district council services and voluntary and community sector support (Figure 1).

Figure 1 – Leicestershire prevention/social prescribing model



17. There is an opportunity to take forward joint priorities through the Unified Prevention Board to ensure closer working between the People Zones project and the prevention offer to ensure there are strong links in to our commissioned and in-house services.

Recommendations

18. The Board is asked to note the contents of the report and support the ongoing work on the five priorities.

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