

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR LEICESTERSHIRE POLICE AND CRIME PANEL

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| Report of | POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER |
| Subject | ALCOHOL AND DRUGS (SUBSTANCE) MISUSE |
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Purpose of Report

1. To update the Police and Crime Panel on how the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) is succeeding with the aims set out in his Police and Crime Plan to tackle alcohol and drugs (substance) misuse.

Recommendation

2. The Panel are recommended to discuss and note the contents of the report.

Substance Misuse Provision

3. The PCC has invested significant resources in services to tackle substance misuse with around £0.5m invested in such services per annum. These services take a cohesive approach to tackling substance misuse and are largely co-commissions in light of the responsibilities we share in this regard.
4. At the highest end of need, the PCC co-funds with Leicester City Council a recovery centre for street drinkers (No. 5 Hill Street £34,000pa). This service operates a controlled drinking regime which both removes this problem from the city centre environs and enables caseworkers to support street drinkers towards recovery.
5. At the next level down, the PCC co-funds with Leicester City Council, Leicestershire County Council, Rutland County Council and NHS England, substance misuse treatment services (£448,909pa) for those that are addicted to drugs or alcohol. These services are provided by Turning Point and operate across the community and HMP Leicester.
6. For those who have committed a crime for which substance misuse is a contributing factor, the PCC has also commissioned a service from Turning Point to provide an out of court disposal workshop (similar in nature to the driving speed awareness course (£8,307pa)) to help people to reflect upon their use of substances and to consider whether they have a problem which they need to do something about. This course enables people to directly enter the

substantive Turning Point service or be referred onto other provision as appropriate.

7. At the lower end of need, and very much with a view to early intervention and prevention, the PCC funds a number of youth engagement and diversion activities through grass roots community organisations such as Streetvibe (£9,500) and through strategic partnerships with larger organisations such as Leicester City Football Club Community Trust (£10,000pa). This provision enables culturally relevant role models to build positive mentoring like relationships with young people for whom substance misuse is likely to be but one negative driver in their lives.
8. Whilst the night time economy is primarily about people enjoying themselves responsibly, there are those who, fuelled by drink and drugs, act in a way that harms themselves and those around them. To this end, the PCC has worked with the police and wider partners on the Night Time Economy project. This has had 3 strands to improve the safety of the built environment, improve the safety of those too inebriated to safely take care of themselves and to remove illegal drugs from the night time economy through pro-active police sniffer dog patrols through the city centre.
9. On the other side of all this is the recovery community. Managed consumption and ultimately abstinence from substances that people are or have previously been addicted to is an ongoing choice that people make on a daily basis and the recovery community supports each other in this and in building fulfilling lives. Whilst the recovery community is supported via the larger contract delivered by Turning Point, the PCC has also previously provided specific funding directly to Dear Albert (£2,947) to enable them to continue to support a thriving recovery community.
10. Further to the above commissioned services, a commissioning analyst has shortly come into post so moving forward we will be in a much better position to monitor how these services are delivering against the contracts.
11. Future developments have been planned within the office to hold a success mapping workshop to derive a set of positive outcomes for each of the aims in the Commissioner's Police and Crime Plan. This will then be transformed into a delivery report by the Performance Manager.

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