

# Combating Drugs Partnership

From Harm to Hope: A 10 year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives



# Strategy



## From Harm to Hope

- In December 2021, the Government introduced a 10 Year strategy to cut crime and save lives by reducing the supply and demand for drugs and delivering a high-quality treatment and recovery system.
- The Strategy takes a whole Government approach to tackle drug related harm which is then reflected at a local level.
- The Strategy is in part a response to the review which was completed by Dame Carol Black; delivering the key recommendations from the review.
- The Strategy emphasizes the importance of collaboration at a Government level and at a local level (a key recommendation from Dame Carol Black review).
- The Combating Drugs Minister has overarching accountability for delivery of the outcomes and will present an annual report to Parliament to monitor progress.



# Strategic Priorities and Outcomes



## There are three Strategic Priorities:

1. Break drug supply chains
2. Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system
3. Achieve a shift in the demand for drugs

## There are six overarching outcomes:

1. Reduce drug use
2. Reduce drug related crime
3. Reduce drug related deaths and harm
4. Reduce drug supply
5. Increasing engagement in drug treatment
6. Improving drug recovery outcomes



# Combating Drugs Partnership



As part of the strategy, each locality is required to develop a multi-agency forum (Combating Drugs Partnership) that is accountable for delivering the set of outcomes.

## The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) will be responsible for:

- Delivering the three strategic priorities
- Developing a Joint Local Needs Assessment
- Developing a Local drugs strategy delivery plan
- Developing a Local performance framework

The CDP will be responsible for monitoring performance against the Combating Drugs Outcome Framework and reporting on the partnership's performance and delivery into central Government annually.



# Implementation of CDP



The Government has set out a timeframe for the implementation of the Combating Drugs Partnership and delivery of key activities.

## Phase 1

- Agree geographical footprint
- Form the Combating Drugs Partnership – Membership
- Agree Terms of Reference

## Phase 2

- Joint Local Needs Assessment
- Local drugs strategy delivery plan
- Local performance framework

## Phase 3

- Regular meetings to review progress
- Submit end of your progress report to Government



# Membership



The CDP core membership is dictated by Government. In addition to the core membership the Partnership is also expected to engage and work with other key stakeholders.

## The CDP core members are:

- **Cabinet Member for Safer Communities**
- **Local Authority**
- **Tower Hamlets Police**
- **Probation Service**
- **Job Centre Plus**
- **East London NHS Foundation Trust**
- **Substance Misuse Treatment Providers**
- **Person affected by drug-related harm**
- **The secure estate, such as prisons, young offender institutions (YOIs)**

## Key CDP roles include:

- **Senior Responsible Owner (SRO)** - overarching responsibility for local delivery of the strategy and to represent and account for local delivery and performance to central government.
- **Partnership Lead** – overseeing delivery of local programmes and co-ordinating partnership.
- **Public Involvement Lead** – ensure the voices of a range of members of the public are heard.
- **Data and digital lead** – lead on data, data protection, information governance and outcomes measurement.



# Key Joint Partnership Activities



## Develop Joint Local Needs Assessment (Refresh every three years)

- Reviewing local drug data and involving all relevant partners
- Establish baseline for where local need is at
- Current activity and performance are at present highlighting any trends
- Draw on other existing work

## Develop local drugs strategy delivery plan (Refresh every three years)

- A plan that reflects the national strategic priorities, including developing data recording and sharing at a local level
- Align CDP strategic priorities with local priorities
- A whole-system approach addressing the three strategic priorities
- **Ensure plans sufficiently address alcohol dependence and wider alcohol-related harms**

## Develop a local performance framework

- Align CDP local outcomes with national performance framework outcome
- Monitor the implementation and impact of local plans



# Recommendations



- CSP to formally constitute the CDP as a sub-group of the CSP Board.
- CSP to approve and adopt the draft Terms of Reference (ToR) and membership of the CDP.
- The CDP will also be constituted as a sub-group of Health & Wellbeing Board (HWBB) at the HWBB meeting taking place January 2023. The dual reporting arrangement will ensure leadership and oversight of the cross-cutting themes of enforcement and recovery set out in 'From Harm to Hope'.

