

# CDP Priorities

Overview and Scrutiny Engagement



# Background



- The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) is made up of different public sector, voluntary and community providers and representatives across the sector who have been charged by the Government to come together to reduce drug use and drug-related crime
- At a workshop in the summer, a range of different stakeholders came together to look at the three national strategic priorities for all CDPs. These are:
  - Tackling Supply
  - World-class Treatment and Recovery
  - Shifting Demand
- For each of the above areas, those attending considered what we in Tower Hamlets were getting right, what we weren't and what we should do locally.



# Priority Setting



- Following the initial engagement, the leads for the different workstreams came together to reflect on the priorities that had emerged from the workshop and discussions so far
- The proposed priorities are below and we would like to get Members' thoughts on the following questions:
  1. Are these priorities the right priorities for the CDP?
  2. Are there any comments on the priorities or language that the CDP should take into account?



# Priorities



We have engaged with community representatives, the voluntary and community sector, professionals and other stakeholders across to identify local priorities where we believe the partnership can have the greatest impact.

These priorities will be underpinned by a delivery plan setting out how we will deliver the priorities and ensure that we work effectively in partnership to reduce substance misuse and drug related crime.

## Our Priorities

Reduce visible drug dealing and drug use

Divert young people on the fringes of crime

Help offenders leave drugs behind

Improve pathways and access into services

Improve the effectiveness of treatment

Provide settings that sustain recovery

Raise awareness of harms and where to find help

Policing for Prevention

Stop problematic substance misuse before it begins



# Priorities - Supply

We have engaged with community representatives, the voluntary and community sector, professionals and other stakeholders across to identify local priorities where we believe the partnership can have the greatest impact. The following are **not** listed in order of importance.

1

Reduce visible  
drug dealing and  
drug use

The visibility of drug use and dealing within Tower Hamlets is a serious concern for our residents and undermines trust in our partners. We need to work across police, enforcement teams and with community intelligence to tackle this issue.

2

Divert young  
people on the  
fringes of crime

We need to safeguard the young people of Tower Hamlets and intervene where they have been targeted by drug gangs, providing them with meaningful alternatives and support to help them escape the cycle.

3

Help offenders  
leave drugs behind

The opportunity to intervene where offences have been committed is a crucial moment in diverting users and dealers away from drugs and into our services.



# Priorities – Treatment & Recovery



We have engaged with community representatives, the voluntary and community sector, professionals and other stakeholders across to identify local priorities where we believe the partnership can have the greatest impact. The following are **not** listed in order of importance.

4

Improve pathways  
and access to  
services

We know that we need to do better in making routes through our treatment and recovery services clearer and improve access, redesigning them to work more smoothly and reduce handoffs and duplication.

5

Improve  
effectiveness of  
treatment

We are committed to providing services that are community-based, culturally competent and offer new and innovative evidence-based treatment and harm reduction approaches.

6

Provide settings  
that sustain  
recovery

Those who have been through treatment require the right support and environment to sustain their recovery and enable them to rebuild their lives.



# Priorities - Demand

We have engaged with community representatives, the voluntary and community sector, professionals and other stakeholders across to identify local priorities where we believe the partnership can have the greatest impact. The following are **not** listed in order of importance.

7

Raise awareness  
of harms and  
where to find help

It is vital to ensure that all concerned recognise the full extent of the harms caused to our communities by drug use and the violence and exploitation that are fuelled by illegal drug markets – while ensuring that routes into support are always clear.

8

Policing for  
Prevention

Taking a long-term view on what is needed to prevent crime and drug use, backed up by neighbourhood policing and enforcement officers with the skills and tools to take a more preventative approach.

9

Stop problematic  
substance misuse  
before it begins

We want to prevent people from misusing substances in the first instance by ensuring our interventions in early years and when people first encounter drugs are as robust and effective as they can be.



# CDP Priorities - Supply

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# Priority area 1.a

## Tackling Supply

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Reduce visible drug dealing and drug use</b>	The visibility of drug use and dealing within Tower Hamlets is a serious concern for our residents and undermines trust in our partners.	Make better use of community intelligence
		Tackle most visible hotspots for open space street market dealing
		Close down Cannabis Cafes as soon as they spring up
		Campaign to tackle NOx use and plan for legislative changes as a partnership
		Consider and address unintended consequences of where activity might go



# Priority area 1.b

## Tackling Supply

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Divert young people on the fringes of crime</b>	We need to safeguard the young people of Tower Hamlets and intervene where they have been targeted by drug gangs, providing meaningful alternatives and support to escape the cycle.	Routes out for low-level dealers and victims of exploitation
		Strong employment offer
		Provide person-centred alternatives



# Priority area 1.c

## Tackling Supply

Area of Focus	What do we mean by this	Where we need to take action
<b>Help offenders leave drugs behind</b>	The opportunity to intervene when offences have been committed is a crucial moment in diverting users and dealers away from drugs and into the relevant services.	<p>Increase Drug Testing on Arrest</p> <p>Make more use of Out of Court Disposals</p> <p>Give people a Second Chance</p>



# CDP Priorities – Treatment & Recovery

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# Priority area 2.a

## World-class Treatment & Recovery

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Improve pathways and access into services</b>	Making routes through treatment and recovery services clearer, improve access, redesign them to reduce handoffs and duplication.	Improve rapid prescribing
		Co-design a new substance misuse pathway
		Reduce waiting times and bottlenecks
		Identify solutions where partners' systems are incompatible
		Increase multi-disciplinary working and integration



# Priority area 2.b

## World-class Treatment & Recovery

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Improve effectiveness of treatment</b>	Providing services that are community-based, culturally competent and offer new and innovative evidence-based treatment and harm reduction approaches.	Personalised support
		Culturally sensitive provision
		Reduce artificial barriers or thresholds that prevent people accessing the care they need
		Investigate scope for a women-only specialised service



# Priority area 2.c

## World-class Treatment & Recovery

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Provide settings that sustain recovery</b>	Those who have been through treatment require the right support and living environment to sustain their recovery and avoid readmittance.	Place, Train, Sustain model
		Improve secondary health pathway
		Better links with Mental Health
		Holistic rehab and post-rehab services



# CDP Priorities - Demand

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# Priority area 3.a

## Shifting Demand

Area of Focus	What do we mean by this	Where we need to take action
<b>Raise awareness of harms and where to find help</b>	Ensure all concerned recognise the full extent of the harms caused to our communities and the violence / exploitation fuelled by illegal drug markets – while ensuring routes into support are clear.	School-wide prevention programme
		PTA / TRA education and training
		Highlighting exploitation
		NOx campaign



# Priority area 3.b

## Shifting Demand

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Policing for Prevention</b>	Taking a long-term view on what is needed to prevent crime and drug use, backed up by neighbourhood policing and enforcement officers with the skills and tools to take a more preventative approach.	Neighbourhood level strategies for addressing drug dealing
		Link enforcement more closely to diversion
		Engagement with young people
		Align our preventative approach across all partners



# Priority area 3.c

## Shifting Demand

Area of Focus	What is the issue?	What do we want to do?
<b>Stop problematic substance misuse before it begins</b>	We want to prevent people from misusing substances in the first instance by ensuring our interventions early on are as robust and effective as they can be.	Consider partnership response to early years approach and correlated factors e.g. bereavement
		<b>Youth CJ</b>
		Improve range / nature of interventions on offer
		Horizon-scanning and benchmarking

