

CDP Priorities

Consultation and Engagement



Combating Drugs Partnership



In 2021, the Government introduced its 10 Year From Harm to Hope strategy based on a review by Dame Carol Black. Each locality is required to develop a multi-agency forum (Combating Drugs Partnership) that is accountable for delivering the set of outcomes for this strategy.

The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) is responsible for:

- Delivering the three national 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.



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



Work so far



- Needs Assessment led by Public Health colleagues produced a series of conclusions and recommendations
- Multiple engagement sessions and two large workshops covering a wide range of substance misuse stakeholders
 - Second workshop specifically focusing on children's services, partners and representatives
- Stakeholders looked at the three national strategic priorities for all CDPs. For each of those areas, they considered:
 - what we were getting right
 - what we weren't getting right
 - what we should do to address those areas



Priorities – Tackling 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.

Break the cycle of exploitation

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

Help people leave drugs behind

Where frontline staff encounter those affected by drug dealing and use, especially where offences have been committed, we must seize the opportunity to divert users and dealers away from drugs and into our services.

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 will work across police, enforcement teams and improve our use of community intelligence to tackle this issue.



Priorities – Treatment & Recovery



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Make services easier to use

We recognise the need to make routes through our treatment and recovery services clearer, redesigning and recommissioning them to improve access, reducing handoffs and duplication.

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Personalised, culturally-competent 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.

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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 – Shifting Demand



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Promote awareness 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.

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Target specific substance-misuse harms

Close service gaps and tailor our partnership approach in areas of local need that require more targeted interventions.

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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, throughout childhood and when people first encounter drugs or alcohol are as robust and effective as they can be.



What comes next?



Produce Partnership Strategy

- DLT & CLT –scheduled Jan 8 & 16

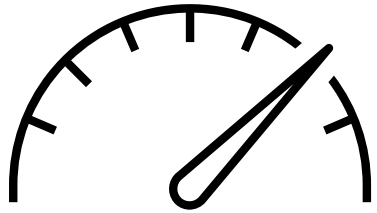


Produce Delivery Plan for priority areas

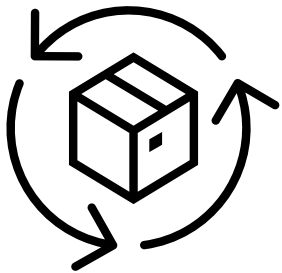
- Capture existing work and agree how we will tackle gaps



Monitoring



Local Outcomes Framework Dashboard



Monitoring delivery plan and continuous improvement of measures



Governance

