
Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership Update – Summary Report

Committee considering report:	Health and Wellbeing Board
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Health and Wellbeing Board of what has been achieved so far by the Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership in support of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy priority for 2017 to ‘reduce alcohol related harm for all age groups’.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board note the ‘quick wins’ that have been achieved and support the next steps that have been identified.

3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** The cost of the AHRP’s two projects will be met from within the existing budget of the Public Health Team.
If a shared Community Alcohol Partnership Officer is shared with Reading, the cost will be met by Public Health England.
- 3.2 **Policy:** None
- 3.3 **Personnel:** If a shared Community Alcohol Partnership Officer is shared with Reading, the cost will be met by Public Health England.
- 3.4 **Legal:** None
- 3.5 **Risk Management:** None
- 3.6 **Property:** None
- 3.7 **Other:** None

4. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

- 4.1 Commit to attending Identification and Brief Advice training and ask managers in their organisations to encourage staff to attend the IBA training upon completion of the commissioning process.
- 4.2 Support the launch of the Community Alcohol Partnership once the date is known.

Will the recommendation require the matter to be referred to the Executive for final determination?	Yes: <input type="checkbox"/>	No: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Executive Summary

5. Introduction / Background

- The Health and Wellbeing Board identified that one of its priorities for 2017 would be to 'reduce alcohol related harm for all age groups. The purpose of this report is to provide an update on what has been achieved so far.

6. Proposal

- That the Health and Wellbeing Board note that the following 'quick wins' have been achieved since the Alcohol Hot Focus Session in October 2016:
 - There is now a strategic approach to reducing alcohol related harm in West Berkshire through the establishment of a multi-agency Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership (AHRP).
 - Analysis of young people's concerns on cannabis rather than alcohol has lead to the establishment of a sub-group to the AHRP to develop and implement a combined drug and alcohol strategy, with support from the Children's Delivery Group.
 - Data analysis has demonstrated that West Berkshire is the 3rd best performing local authority area for alcohol-related admissions.
 - Secondary prevention and communication have been identified as key areas of improvement following the completion of the Alcohol CLear tool to 'stock take' West Berkshire services. West Berkshire's rating on the CLear tool benefitted significantly from the establishment of a partnership group.
 - The Alcohol CLear tool was peer-reviewed and found to be robust.
 - Two projects (Identification and Brief Advice and the Blue Light Project) have been identified for implementation in 2017. The Public Health team's budget had been realigned to commission these projects.
 - The AHRP have decided to establish West Berkshire as a Community Alcohol Partnership (CAP) area and are looking into a shared Community Alcohol Partnership Officer with Reading Borough Council, funded by Public Health England.
- That the Health and Wellbeing Board note that the following next steps have been identified for the remainder of 2017:
 - Implementation and delivery of the IBA and Blue Light projects (currently being commissioned).

- Data sharing between partners to identify wards/ areas with greatest need (Summer 2017).
- Launch the Community Alcohol Partnership (August 2017).
- Publication and implementation of the Children and Young People's Drug and Alcohol Strategy (tbc 2017.)

7. Conclusion

- Considering that in October 2016 there was no strategic oversight of alcohol related harm and services in West Berkshire, the Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership have made considerable progress in implementing a framework to build on West Berkshire's good performance around alcohol.
- The next step is to demonstrate the improved outcomes for West Berkshire residents that the Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership can achieve by working together.

8. Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix A – Supporting Information
- 8.2 Appendix B – Slides from CAP presentation
- 8.3 Appendix C - Draft IBA training programme-for information only