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# Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership - Final Report for 2017/18

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**Committee considering report:** Health and Wellbeing Board

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**Portfolio Member:** Councillor James Fredrickson

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## 1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 For the Board to receive its last update from the Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership (AHRP) regarding the priority for 2017/18 to reduce alcohol related harm for all age groups.

## 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 The Health and Wellbeing Board promote and attend the Thatcham Community Alcohol Partnership official launch on 24 June 2018.
- 2.2 The Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Partnership replaces the Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership and continues to report project outcomes to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

## 3. Implications

- 3.1 **Financial:** In order to facilitate the AHRP's activities, the Public Health Team have commissioned two projects and seconded a Programme Officer to support delivery.
- There will be an ongoing financial commitment to the Alcohol IBA training until March 2019.
- 3.2 **Policy:** The Children and Young People's Substance Misuse Strategy has been written and agreed by the AHRP and Children's Delivery Group. It has been included as Appendix D to this report.
- 3.3 **Personnel:** The Public Health Team have seconded Programme Officer one day per week to support the IBA training project.
- The Community Alcohol Partnership Officer is shared with Reading Borough Council, the cost is met by Public Health England.
- 3.4 **Legal:** n/a

- 3.5 **Risk Management:** n/a
- 3.6 **Property:** n/a
- 3.7 **Other:** n/a

#### 4. How the Health and Wellbeing Board can help

- 4.1 Although reducing alcohol related harm will not be a priority for the Board in 2018/19, Board members can continue to promote and champion the Blue Light, Identification and Brief Advice (IBA) and Community Alcohol Partnership projects.
- 4.2 As the Board turns its attention to 'promote positive mental health and wellbeing for adults' it should recognise the links between substance misuse and mental health and ensure that residents who experience both issues receive good quality information, support and services.

#### 5. Impact on Outcomes

- 5.1 It has not been possible to demonstrate the impact of the AHRP's work on the health outcomes of West Berkshire's residents within one year. The AHRP will continue to report project outcomes to the Health and Wellbeing Board via the quarterly performance reports.
- 5.2 The intended outcome of the Blue Light Project is ultimately to reduce alcohol-specific mortality ([2.01 in the Local Alcohol Profiles for England, PHE](#)).
- 5.3 The intended outcome of the Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice Training is to reduce the percentage of adults drinking over 14 units of alcohol a week ([19.03 in the Local Alcohol Profiles for England, PHE](#))
- 5.4 The above notwithstanding, successful completions of treatment for all substances improved during Q3 2017/18 and alcohol treatment completions for the year end Nov 2017 increased from 42% from a baseline of 35% in 16/17.

## Executive Summary

### 6. Introduction / Background

- The Alcohol Harm Reduction Partnership (AHRP) met for the first time in November 2016 in preparation for 'reducing alcohol related harm' being chosen as the Health and Wellbeing Board's priority for 2017/18.
- The purpose of this report is to provide a summary of the AHRP's activities since it formed.

### 7. Proposal

- The Health and Wellbeing Board are asked to note the activities of the AHRP which are outlined in the supporting information, including the following key points:
  - The AHRP has brought together a number of partners and have taken a multi-agency approach.
  - The CLear self-assessment tool was used to map gaps in current provision for people drinking at increasing and higher risk levels and was found to be robust by peer reviewers.
  - The AHRP set up the Young People's Substance Misuse Strategy Group who have written a strategy (Appendix ) and are producing an action plan.
  - Three projects have been set up (Blue Light, Identification and Brief Advice training and the Community Alcohol Partnership).
  - The AHRP are now in a position to broaden their remit to include substance misuse and the Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Partnership will be launched imminently.

### 8. Conclusion

- 'Reducing alcohol related harm' has been a priority for the Health and Wellbeing Board in 2017/18. The Board's focus and attention has been useful as it has lead to a multi-agency partnership being established and several areas of work have commenced that otherwise might not.
- The Substance Misuse Harm Reduction Partnership will continue to report project outcomes to the Health and Wellbeing Board.

### 9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix A – Equalities Impact Assessment (not required)
- 9.2 Appendix B – Supporting Information
- 9.3 Appendix C – Young People's Substance Misuse Strategy