

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
3 JUNE 2015
CRIME AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP – CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBSTANCE MISUSE PATHWAY
REPORT OF HEAD OF DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. Purpose

Representatives of the Crime and Drugs Partnership (CDP) will be attending to provide the Committee with an overview of the Criminal Justice Substance Misuse Pathway.

2. Action required

The Committee is asked to use the information received at the meeting to inform questioning and the scrutiny of the Criminal Justice Pathway. The Committee might identify any potential areas for further scrutiny activity for inclusion in the work programme.

3. Background information

- 3.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Committee has a statutory duty to scrutinise the work of and progress against targets of the CDP on an annual basis under the Police and Justice Act 2006. The CDP last attended this Committee in June 2014.
- 3.2 The CDP is a multi-agency organisation responsible for tackling crime and substance misuse in Nottingham. In the past, the Committee has received an update on the CDP's overall targets. However, this year the Committee will focus on a particular strand of the Criminal Justice Pathway allowing for more robust and effective scrutiny.
- 3.3 The CDP Partnership Plan for 2014/15 was approved by the Partnership Board on 24 February 2014. Its content is based on the outcome of the Board development day in December 2013 and the results of the 2013/14 Strategic Assessment
- 3.4 The CDP Partnership Board has agreed that in moving towards 2020, the CDP will take the lead on the delivery of the 'Safer' agenda within the Nottingham Plan and has agreed to measure performance from 2015 – 2020 on:
- To reduce the number of victims through a 20% reduction in victim based crime;

- To increase recovery from substance misuse dependency by being 5% above the average rate of successful completions from treatment for the core cities in England.

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- 3.5 The Drugs Intervention Programme (DIP) in its current form was devised in 2005 to deliver interventions to those individuals who committed acquisitive crime that was informed by their drug taking. DIP concentrated on the two class A drugs that were associated with the majority of drug related crime; heroin and crack cocaine. The aim was to increase the number of heroin and crack cocaine users into treatment and to greatly reduce the re-offending rate of this cohort of offenders. To this end DIP has been very successful; from its height in 2007 when there was an average of 200 positive tests per month in Nottingham City to the present day when the average monthly presentation of positive tests is below 100. The CDP Partnership Plan 2013/14 marked the final year of the Partnership's planning cycle and consequently, it was the final year for most of the Partnership's targets. It was proposed by the CDP Board to extend the targets for another year using the same performance framework. This was agreed by the Board in February 2014 with a view to devising a different performance framework with targets to 2020.
- 3.6 Currently, the Criminal Justice service for drugs interventions in Nottingham City is part of the Nottinghamshire Probation Trust; supported by Nottinghamshire Health Trust. This service is comprised of two distinct parts; the Criminal Justice Interventions Team (CJIT), which mainly deals with non-statutory offenders via the custody suites through Test on Arrest (ToA), the courts via Restriction on Bail (RoB), and prison releases, and the Substance Misuse Team (SMT) who deliver community orders via Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR). Both of these services are also employed to support the drugs pathway out of offending for the Integrated Offender Management scheme (IOM).

4. List of attached information

Appendix 1 – the Criminal Justice Substance Misuse Pathway Needs Assessment.

5. Background papers, other than published works or those disclosing exempt or confidential information

None.

6. Published documents referred to in compiling this report

Further information relating to Nottingham Crime and Drugs Partnership can be found on their website via this link:

<http://www.nottinghamcdp.com/>.

7. **Wards affected**

Citywide.

8. **Contact information**

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