

READING HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

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REPORT TITLE:	Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults 2018-2022 and Action Plan update		
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1. PURPOSE OF REPORT AND EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1 To update on the Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy & action plan for Young People and Adults from 2018 to 2022.
- 1.2 List of Appendices
 - Appendix 1- Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults 2018-2022
 - Appendix 2- Reading Drug and Alcohol Strategy Action Plan 2018-2022

2. RECOMMENDED ACTION

- 2.1 Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the drug and alcohol action plan 2018-2022 for each of the strategy's three priorities and consider how board member organisations can contribute to its delivery

3. POLICY CONTEXT

- 3.1 Reading's Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults - 2018-2022 has been written in line with the Government Drug Strategy 2017, the Governments' Alcohol Strategy 2012 and Reading Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020.
- 3.2 The Director of Adult Care and Health Services submitted a report to Policy Committee in September 2018 setting out the outcomes of the public consultation on the draft Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults 2018-22. Policy Committee approved the drug and alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults 2018-2022.

4. Current Position

4.1 Reading's Public health team have carried out a procurement exercise from October 2018 - March 2019 to re-procure a new drug and alcohol treatment service. This was in relation to Priority 2: Treatment; Commissioning and delivering high quality drug and alcohol treatment systems. The new Drug and Alcohol Behaviour Change, treatment and Recovery System contract was awarded to CGL (Change, Grow, Live) and commenced on 1st October 2019.

4.1 Options Proposed

4.1.1 Health and Wellbeing Board to note the commitment and resource required to date to address Priority two.

4.1.2 Health and Wellbeing Board to note that the drug and alcohol strategy action plan is being developed with partners and will be regularly updated. In consultation with partners and Reading's Health and Wellbeing board development group the action plan may be edited in-line with Reading's priorities.

5. CONTRIBUTION TO READING'S HEALTH AND WELLBEING STRATEGIC AIMS

5.1 The Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults - 2018-2022 reflects the Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020 which includes alcohol as a priority; the goal being to reduce the amount people drink to safer levels. The strategy also contributes to the priority "Supporting people to make healthy life choices".

5.3 The Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy and action plan for Young People and Adults - 2018-2022 is produced in support of Reading's 2017-20 Health and Wellbeing Strategy and is built on three foundations - safeguarding vulnerable adults and children, recognising and supporting all carers, and high quality co-ordinated information to support wellbeing.

6. COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

6.1 Section 138 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007 places a duty on local authorities to involve local representatives when carrying out "any of its functions" by providing information, consulting or "involving in another way".

6.2 The Reading Drug and Alcohol Commissioning Strategy for Young People and Adults - 2018-2022 was prepared with key health and social care partners and an eight week public consultation period took place.

6.3 The action plan is being developed with partners and service users.

7. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT

7.1 Under the Equality Act 2010, Section 149, a public authority must, in the exercise of its functions, have due regard to the need to—

- eliminate discrimination, harassment, victimisation and any other conduct that is prohibited by or under this Act;
- advance equality of opportunity between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it;

- foster good relations between persons who share a relevant protected characteristic and persons who do not share it.

7.2 N/A

8. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

8.1 Local authorities' statutory responsibilities for public health services are set out in the Health and Social Care Act 2012 (subsequently referred to as the '2012 Act'). As of 1 April 2013, Local Authority duty is to improve public health through mandated and non-mandated functions. Whilst drugs and alcohol is a non-mandated service, the Public Health grant condition state local authorities must have regard to the need to improve the take up of, and outcomes from, its drug and alcohol misuse treatment services.

9. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

9.1 N/A - Drug and alcohol treatment services are funded via the public health grant and the budget for the next 3 years was agreed as part of the procurement process.

9.2 There are no anticipated funding implications within the action plan.

10. BACKGROUND PAPERS

10.1 Government Drug Strategy 2017

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/628148/Drug_strategy_2017.PDF

10.2 Government Alcohol Strategy 2012

https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/224075/alcohol-strategy.pdf

10.3 Reading Health and Wellbeing Strategy 2017-2020

http://www.reading.gov.uk/media/6822/Health--Wellbeing-Strategy/pdf/Health_and_Wellbeing_Strategy_2017-2020_final.pdf