

Health and Wellbeing Board Report: Combating Drugs and Alcohol Partnership

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Background

In April 2022 the government published a new 10-year drugs plan¹ which aims to reduce crime associated with the drugs trade and increase capacity with drug treatment services. This brief paper addresses the responsibilities relating to the increase in drug treatment services overseen by the establishment of a new Enfield Combating Drugs and Alcohol Partnership. The governance for the Partnership will be the responsibility of the HWBB.

Across the country Local Authorities have received additional funding from the Office of Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID), primarily aimed at increasing drug treatment services. Enfield will receive the following additional funding. No funding has been agreed beyond this period.

2022/3 £456k

2023/4 £542k

2024/5 £890k

Conditions to receiving funding are;

- No disinvestment from spending on drug treatment services (benchmarked against 2021).
- Establishment of a Combating Drugs and Alcohol Partnership (CDAP)
- Identification of a senior responsible officer. In Enfield this is Tony Theodoulou. Dudu Sher Arami (LBE) is Chair of CDAP, Deputy Chair is Marco Bordeti (Police).
- Completion of a Needs Assessment
- Agreement of an Implementation Plan with OHID

Progress to date

CDAP was established late 2022 and has an active multi-agency membership including Public Health, Commissioning, Community Safety, Childrens and Adults Social Care, Housing, Enable, Job Centre Plus, Police, Humankind, ICS, Primary Care, and a resident with lived experience. Subgroups are about to be created focusing on clinical governance and treatment and care.

A needs assessment was successfully completed, which made some key recommendations around training, communications, and pathways:

- Undertake a training needs assessment across all partners
- Review functioning of multi-agency working in relation to the delivery of care and support to adults and young people, including mapping referral pathways and criteria
- Map options for residents who need urgent support outside usual service opening times
- Develop a performance management framework for CDAP to identify and review impact and changing needs

• ¹ [From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/from-harm-to-hope-a-10-year-drugs-plan-to-cut-crime-and-save-lives)

- Consider approach to safeguarding children and adults to improve joint working, communication, and service delivery

OHID have agreed the Implementation Plan, which is about to be signed off by the partnership. The plan consists of the following key elements to be delivered by the partnership:

- Borough-wide response to substance misuse – including mapping
- Commissioning of additional treatment services to meet targets – including review of the system
- Provision of accessible information on substance misuse
- Improvement in information sharing across the partnership
- Developing a joint approach to work with criminal justice networks to keep vulnerable residents safe from harm
- Developing joint working with the Family Hubs programme as part of wider review of early help options
- Oversight of workforce development
- Learning from safeguarding adult reviews, continuity of care guidance, probation performance etc.
- Reviewing barriers faced by service users on access to housing
- Continuity of Care Arrangements for individuals exiting prison who require community drug and alcohol treatment.

How will we measure impact?

In addition to local measures, which will be linked to the delivery plan, OHID have provided specific targets, to which the local authority will be held accountable. This requires Enfield to increase the number of people in treatment by 19%, which equates to 240 adults and 32 young people. The table below sets this out as a comparison to the 2021 baseline:

	Numbers in treatment 2021	Required numbers in treatment (+19%)
Adults	1262	1502
Young People	168	200