



Bristol Health and Wellbeing Board

Title of Report:	Developing a multiagency drug and alcohol strategy for Bristol
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Purpose:	Decision and oversight

1. Executive Summary

Problematic drug and alcohol use is a major issue in Bristol.

There is a pressing need to develop a substance misuse (drug and alcohol) strategy in order to inform the future direction within Bristol.

Bristol has a city-wide alcohol strategy, which expires at the end of October 2020. The Safer Bristol Community Safety Partnership had a commissioning strategy that informed the configuration of the current drug and alcohol services. However the Community Safety Partnership arrangements are changing in Bristol and the new Keeping Bristol Safe Partnership, which was established in September 2019, has replaced the former Safer Bristol Community Safety Partnership. Although commissioning of drug and alcohol services sits with Bristol City Council Public Health, we cannot deliver a preventative approach without taking a One City approach and working hand in hand with communities and other City partners. Effective public policy needs to address education, prevention, early intervention, harm reduction, treatment and supply.

We are proposing an integrated drugs and alcohol strategy that is owned and developed with communities and partners across the City including the Police, Ambulance Service, NHS Trusts and other providers, the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner, the CCG and others. The strategy will be informed and underpinned by a needs assessment, clear diagnostic analysis and stakeholder engagement. The proposal to develop a multiagency strategy has been discussed at the Bristol City Council People Scrutiny in December 2019 and at the Keeping Communities Safe Business Delivery Group in December 2019. A number of early engagement events have already taken place and more are planned. A working group is being convened.

2. Purpose of the Paper

To support the initial framing of the strategy by considering and shaping the emerging vision and principles and to suggest a timeframe for the strategy that is in line with the ambitions in the One City plan.

3. Evidence Base

The harms and inequalities associated with drug and alcohol and the evidence for what works has been well documented in NICE guidelines, Public Health England¹ and other national guidance documents. Public Health England's substance misuse profile data for Bristol is available at

<https://fingertips.phe.org.uk/search/substance%20misuse#page/1/gid/1/pat/6/par/E12000009/ati/102/are/E06000023>

The attached presentation includes some of the highlight data for Bristol.

Bristol's One City Plan sets out the following ambition.

- By 2024 the year on year increase in substance misuse related deaths has been reversed.
- By 2034 alcohol related harm in the population will be significantly reduced, as measured by alcohol related hospital admissions.
- By 2036 to reduce the number of substance misuse related deaths by 25%, over a period between 2018 and 2036 or sooner.
- By 2044 Bristol will have reduced the number of substance misuse related deaths by 50%, over a period between 2018 and 2044 or sooner.

4. Recommendations

That the HWB supports the initial framing of the strategy.

That the HWB decide on a timeframe for the emerging multiagency drug and alcohol strategy that is in line with the One City Plan.

The Board is recommended to approve a 10-year strategy - 2020 to 2030 - which would enable communities and City partners to engage effectively on how the ambitions set out in the One City Plan can be achieved and to then review the strategy in 10 years to see how the remaining ambitions can be realised.

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https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/774743/Preventing_drug_and_alcohol_misuse_international_evidence_and_implementation_examples.pdf

5. City Benefits

The economy of Bristol will improve as citizens' employability increases because they are no longer trapped by the harms associated with drugs and alcohol. The City will feel safer, enabling more creativity whatever the time of day or night in Bristol. The day and night time economy will be vibrant, inclusive and non-threatening to people with protected characteristics as well as younger and older people, shoppers and tourists who may currently feel excluded or unwelcome.

6. Financial and Legal Implications

The strategy will consider the financial and legal implications of achieving the One City Plan ambitions.

7. Appendices

Please see attached presentation.