

Introducing drug safety checking in Bristol																	
Negative Risks that offer a threat to delivery of a drug safety checking service and its Aims (Aim - Reduce Level of Risk)																	
Ref	Risk Description	Key Causes	Key Consequence	Status Open / Closed	Strategic Theme	Risk Category	Risk Owner	Key Mitigations	Direction of travel	Current Risk Level			Monetary Impact of Risk £k	Risk Tolerance			
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1	Drug Safety Checking, is an important public health intervention that is designed to reduce risk, harm and save lives, however, this can be controversial with some considering it to support/condone the use of illicit drugs.	The illicit nature of the substances being tested, LA funded testing, a lack of police presence and the visibility of the service both in the media and community could generate this perception among local residents and business owners	A lack of public support could have a negative impact on uptake as people may be more reluctant to use the service.	Open	Health & Wellbeing	Operational/project	Leonie Roberts	Early engagement with BCC external communications team. BCC and 'the contractor' will issue a joint and proactive press release emphasising the need, importance, outcomes and evidence to support the service		2	1	2	£0.00	4	1	4	Apr-22
2	High demand for the service may result in publically visible queuing for results/ tailored healthcare intervention.	The service being delivered over two sites with testing at Bristol Drugs Project (BDP) and the results/tailored intervention, being available from Peoples Republic of Stokes Croft (PRSC) 1 hour later	Complaints from local residents/business owners	Open	Health & Wellbeing	Operational/project	Leonie Roberts	The design of the service will account for this issue. The organisation providing the service will have the resource to speed up testing processes when necessary. Good communication between the two sites will also help to bring queue size down.		2	2	4	£0.00	3	2	6	Apr-22
3	People being turned away due to 'the contractor' not being able to test a specific substance	Testing is not currently possible for organic matter e.g., Cannabis, Mushrooms etc and only confirmatory testing of benzodiazepines (presence or absence of active ingredients)	Disgruntled service users having travelled to use the service and reputational damage to the service among service users	Open	Health & Wellbeing	Operational/project	Leonie Roberts	An accessibility card that will include the 5 key facts people who are using the service need to know. This includes what substances can be tested.		3	1	3	£0.00	4	1	4	Apr-22
4	Lack of uptake among primary audience (occasional user and associated with the Night Time Economy)	BDP was selected because it meets the licencing conditions however, some may not wish to be seen attending BDPs premises as it is typically associated with the treatment of heroin & crack cocaine use. The area is also associated with street sex work, drug dealing and other criminal behaviour.	Poor uptake among occasional users	Open	Health & Wellbeing	Operational/project	Leonie Roberts	The service will be reviewed after 3 months. If the service is not attracting the right demographic then the service delivery model will be updated.		2	1	2	£0.00	4	1	4	Apr-22