

CHESHIRE EAST HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD
Reports Cover Sheet

Title of Report:	Update on Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership
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Executive Summary

Is this report for:	Information <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Discussion <input type="checkbox"/>	Decision <input type="checkbox"/>
Why is the report being brought to the board?	To update the board on the function and governance of the nascent Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Strategy priorities this report relates to?	Creating a place that supports health and wellbeing for everyone living in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Improving the mental health and wellbeing of people living and working in Cheshire East <input type="checkbox"/> Enable more people to live well for longer <input type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		
Please detail which, if any, of the Health & Wellbeing Principles this report relates to?	Equality and Fairness <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Accessibility <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Integration <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Quality <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sustainability <input type="checkbox"/> Safeguarding <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All of the above <input type="checkbox"/>		
Key Actions for the Health & Wellbeing Board to address. Please state recommendations for action.	The Board is asked to approve the governance of the Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership, including the proposal for the CDP to report into the Health and Wellbeing Board		

<p>Has the report been considered at any other committee meeting of the Council/meeting of the CCG board/stakeholders?</p>	<p>Presented to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Adults, Health and Integration DMT – 12th December 2022 - Corporate Leadership Team – 11th January 2023
<p>Has public, service user, patient feedback/consultation informed the recommendations of this report?</p>	<p>No – but service users will be represented on the Combating Drugs Partnership and contribute to its work</p>
<p>If recommendations are adopted, how will residents benefit? Detail benefits and reasons why they will benefit.</p>	<p>The work of the CDP can begin in earnest once the governance structure is approved by the board</p>

1 Report Summary

- 1.1 This report provides an update on the newly formed Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) and requests the Board to approve the proposed governance and reporting structure.

2 Recommendations

- 2.1 To approve the governance and reporting structure of the Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership.

3 Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 To enable the CDP to begin it's work and ensure accountability for delivery

4 Impact on Health and Wellbeing Strategy Priorities

- 4.1 Drugs and alcohol have a significant impact on society, including direct harm on individuals' mental and physical health and wellbeing, and indirect harm caused through wider impacts on society such as crime.
- 4.2 As a multi-agency forum tasked with addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context and need, Combating Drugs Partnerships have the potential to contribute to each of the priorities outlined in the Joint health and Wellbeing Strategy.

5 Background and Options

- 5.1 Illegal drugs cause far-reaching and devastating harm. Drug misuse currently costs society over £19 billion a year. Drug use drives crime, damages people's health, puts children and

families at risk and reduces productivity. It impacts the whole country, with the most deprived areas facing the greatest burden.

- 5.2 Combating illegal drugs and the harm they cause is an issue which needs action from a range of local partners. At a local level, success is reliant on these partners working together to understand their population and how drugs are causing harm in their area, any challenges in their local system and the changes that are needed to address them
- 5.3 The Government's drugs strategy, *From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives*, relies on co-ordinated action across a range of local partners including enforcement, treatment, recovery and prevention. The ten-year drug strategy requires a partnership approach to delivering the following strategic priorities:
- Break drug supply chains
 - Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system
 - Achieve a shift in demand for drugs
- 5.4 Combating Drugs Partnerships provide a single setting for understanding and addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context and need. These partnerships have a named Senior Responsible Officer (SRO) who reports to central government and hold delivery partners to account.
- 5.5 Alcohol is a factor in many drug-related deaths, alongside drugs including heroin and methadone. In the night-time economy, drugs such as cocaine and MDMA are frequently used alongside alcohol. Moreover, specialist treatment and recovery services tend to be integrated for alcohol and other drugs.
- 5.6 The CDP will therefore ensure they sufficiently address alcohol-dependence and wider alcohol-related harms alongside their focus on the use, supply and harms of illegal drugs.
- 5.7 A further local priority will be to understand and explicitly address the co-occurrence of substance misuse with mental illness and other complex issues.

Functions of the CDP

- 5.8 To bring together the NHS and Local Authority leaders across Cheshire East area, including representatives of both commissioners and providers of services.
- 5.9 To bring together and co-ordinate other major agencies, organisations, sectors and interests that can contribute towards improving the strategic priorities of the Combating Drugs Partnership.
- 5.10 To provide oversight of the development, implementation, performance and review of the associated action plan of the Combating Drugs Partnership and additional actions associated with the developing Cheshire East Substance Misuse Strategy.

- 5.11 To provide oversight of the development, implementation, performance and review of the Alcohol and Drugs Joint Strategic Needs Assessments (JSNA).
- 5.12 To ensure that the action plan and JSNA are used as the basis for strategic decisions and the identification of priorities for the commissioning and delivery of services relating to substance misuse.
- 5.13 To ensure a common approach to effective communication and the provision of information about drugs is developed across the partnership

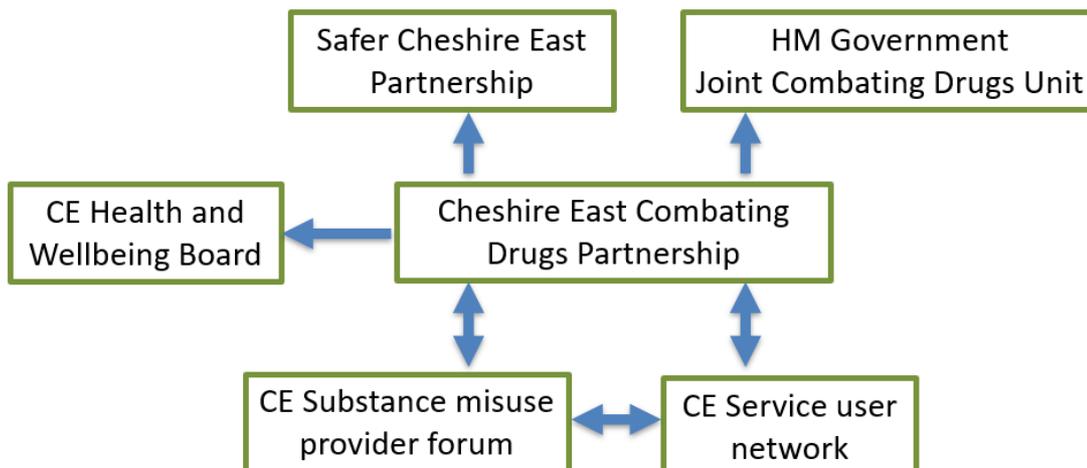
Membership of the CDP

- 5.14 Key named roles in the CDP include:
- Senior responsible officer and Chair: Helen Charlesworth-May, Executive Director, Adults, Health and Integration, Cheshire East Council (CEC)
 - Deputy SRO and Chair: Dr Matt Tyrer, Director of Public Health, CEC
 - Partnership lead; named lead for overseeing delivery of local programmes and co-ordinating partnership: Dr Andrew Turner, Consultant in Public Health, CEC
 - Public involvement lead; named lead to ensure the voices of a range of members of the public are heard: Katy Ellison, Commissioning Manager, CEC
 - Data and digital lead – named lead on data, data protection, information governance and outcomes measurement: Rhonwen Ashcroft, Public Health Information Analyst, CEC
- 5.15 The wider membership comprises representatives from a range of departments and organisations including: commissioning; housing; community safety; education; safeguarding; NHS Cheshire and Merseyside; substance misuse service; lived experience representative; Healthwatch; Cheshire Police; Youth Justice Service; probation service; Cheshire East and West drug-related deaths panel.

Structure and governance

- 5.16 The Partnership constitutes a formal subgroup of – and shall report on a quarterly basis to – the Safer Cheshire East Partnership (SCEP), where the Combating Drugs Partnership will be a standing agenda item.
- 5.17 The Partnership is one of the specialist bodies linked to the Cheshire East Health and Wellbeing Board and may report as necessary to the Board, or as requested by the Board.
- 5.18 The Partnership will report annually to the national Joint Combating Drugs Unit (JCDU).
- 5.19 The Partnership will work collaboratively with the Cheshire East substance misuse provider forum and service user network.
- 5.20 Representatives of member organisations will be responsible for taking relevant actions and decisions through their organisational governance.

5.21 Local partners and organisations will contribute to key pieces of work as part of working groups as required.



Work to date

5.22 A small working group has worked on developing the CDP in line with government guidance and deadlines to:

- Confirm the geographic footprint of the CDP (Cheshire East)
- Assign SRO and named
- Set up a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment subgroup
- Write draft Terms of Reference

5.23 Next steps for the CDP will be to:

- Publish the substance misuse JSNA
- Agree a local drugs (and alcohol) strategy delivery plan
- Agree a local performance framework
- First formal meeting January 2023

6 Access to Information

6.1 Background information relating to this report, including the draft Terms of Reference for the Cheshire East Combating Drugs Partnership, can be inspected by contacting the report writer:

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