

HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD			
Report Title	Lewisham substance misuse Joint Strategic Needs Assessments		
Contributors	Director of integrated commissioning Director of Public Health	Item No.	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 This report appraises the Lewisham Health and Wellbeing board of work undertaken to produce 2 joint strategic needs assessments (JSNAs) for substance misuse in Lewisham, and includes the Adults and Young Person's JSNAs and their findings for information.

2. Background

- 2.1 In using the Public health Grant, a local authority is required to improve the uptake of, and outcomes from, its drug and alcohol misuse treatment services.
- 2.2 A part of this is undertaking a JSNA every 4 years, to inform development of the local treatment system and the borough's strategic approach to substance misuse. The borough's last substance misuse JSNA was in 2016.

3. Policy Context

- 3.1 The Health and Social Care Act 2012 transferred operational and strategic responsibility for population based health improvement, including the reduction of health inequalities and improving the health and wellbeing of adults and young people misusing drugs and / or alcohol, to upper tier local authorities.
- 3.2 The local substance misuse treatment system supports Lewisham's corporate strategy 2018-22 in 3 main areas:
- Priority 3, Giving children and young people the best start in life; informing the borough's approach to treatment to young people, adults, parents and families
 - Priority 5, Delivering and defending: health care and support; supporting effective treatment outcomes in partnership with primary and secondary care, and through early intervention reducing pressure across health services

- Priority 7, Building safer communities; effective treatment reduces associated harms for communities including crime and antisocial behaviour

4. Report and process

- 4.1 The last substance misuse JSNA for Lewisham was published in 2016, so in line with guidance a further JSNA was required
- 4.2 The borough's core treatment contract for adults, and the young person's health and wellbeing service which delivers the treatment system for young people, were both due to expire and be reprocured.
- 4.3 The COVID-19 pandemic impacted significantly on Lewisham's Public Health team's capacity to deliver the JSNA cycle as normal. Due to this the JSNA Steering Group is not currently meeting and JSNA Topic Assessment proposals are not submitted per the usual process. Given the importance of a proper substance misuse needs assessment informing the significant reprocurements, the decision was taken to seek an external partner to deliver this.
- 4.4 Officers sought an external partner through a competitive open process, and after receiving and assessing 2 bids, on September 7th 2020 the contract was awarded to Therapeutic Solutions.
- 4.5 Officers established a multidisciplinary project group to oversee the work and liaise with the provider, culminating in the 2 JSNAs attached to this report.

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no additional financial implications arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no additional legal implications arising from this report.

7. Crime and Disorder Implications

- 7.1 The attached needs assessments will inform the provision of specialist drug and alcohol treatment to Lewisham residents, which is a critical component of Lewisham's substance misuse Adult Treatment Plan and therefore make an important contribution to the work of the Safer Lewisham Partnership and links directly with the Safer, Stronger Communities outcome to 'minimise harm caused by illegal drugs'

8. Equalities Implications

- 8.1 The findings of the attached report identified particular communities under-represented in the treatment system, and drove work to consult directly with those communities, and to specify requirements around specific initiatives and approaches to reduce inequalities in access and outcomes.

9. Environmental Implications

- 9.1 There are no specific environmental implications arising from this report or its recommendations.

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Background documents

JSNAs for adults and young people attached