



HEALTH & WELLBEING BOARD

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Alcohol CLear Self-Assessment Update

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Cabinet Member: Councillor Veronica Jones, Adult Wellbeing and Health

Purpose of report

This report updates the Health and Wellbeing Board on the outcome of Northumberland's Alcohol CLear self-assessment process and provides an overview of the activity currently being implemented to respond to the assessment's findings.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Health and Wellbeing Board:

1. Consider the Alcohol CLear self-assessment and provide comment
2. Approve and support the work program developed by Northumberland's Drug and Alcohol Steering Group.

Link to Corporate Plan

This report is relevant to the following priorities included in the NCC Corporate Plan 2018-2021.

- Living – We want you to feel safe, healthy and cared for
- Enjoying - We want you to love where you live

Key issues

The main recommendations from the Alcohol CLear Self Assessment Process include:

- Support the development of a North East Vision for an Alcohol Free Childhood where every child is:
 - free from the impact of other people's drinking;
 - free from commercial, social and environmental pressure to drink;
 - free from health and social harms caused by drinking alcohol themselves;
 - supported and encouraged to make healthy positive lifestyle choices as

they enter adulthood.

- Encourage the sharing of intelligence across the partnership to inform licensing process and regulatory operations.
- Support schools and other youth settings to use good quality, evidence based resources to provide information and education on drugs and alcohol linked to a wider program of age appropriate Relationships Education, RSE and Health Education (planned to be compulsory in schools by September 2020).
- Review the alcohol screening and brief education training offer linked to a wider Making Every Contact Count program - ensuring use of consistent messages, resources and pathways to specialist services.
- Supporting and training agencies to respond more creatively to people who are potentially dependent on alcohol but who are not accessing specialist treatment using Alcohol Concerns Blue Light Project approach.
- Continue to work across public health, the CCG and NTW to further connect the mental health and substance misuse provision through quality assurance, learning from incidents and pathway development.

Background

In July 2017, the Health and Wellbeing Board agreed to support the Alcohol CLear self-assessment process developed by Public Health England (PHE) as a tool to help develop an evidence-based response to preventing and reducing alcohol related harm at local level. The board also agreed that, where it made sense to do so, this approach be broadened to include the misuse of drugs.

The self assessment process began in September 2017 which involved desktop research and the gathering of evidence from partners via one to one interviews and workshops. An element of peer challenge was provided from Northumbria Healthcare NHS Foundation Trust who had led the CLear local tobacco control assessment process previously. The outcome of this work was presented at an event with over 100 stakeholders in November 2017 which included workshop and action planning sessions. Since January 2018 a program of activity has been developed, overseen by the Northumberland Drug and Alcohol Steering Group, to respond to the findings of the CLear self assessment. The findings will be presented to members of the board at the meeting.

Implications

Policy	The majority of the recommendations relate to improving the implementation of existing policy. The only potential policy change may be supporting a North East Vision for an Alcohol Free Childhood. This is still at the development stage and when more details are known the Health and Wellbeing Board and organisations represented on the Board will have the opportunity to consider adoption of this vision.
Finance and value for money	N/A
Legal	N/A
Procurement	N/A
Human Resources	N/A
Property	N/A
Equalities (Impact Assessment attached) Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Reducing health inequalities is a key priority for the Health and Wellbeing Board and the Joint Health and Wellbeing Strategy. People from less affluent areas, despite drinking less alcohol, experience a disproportionate amount of harm in terms of premature mortality. Ensuring our actions are proportionately targeted towards those who experience these inequalities will reduce health inequalities.
Risk Assessment	N/A
Crime & Disorder	Alcohol and drug harm prevention/minimisation and substance misuse services reduce crime, disorder, anti-social behaviour and domestic abuse
Customer Consideration	The CLear assessment process will assist commissioners to ensure that commissioned services meet the needs of the population.
Carbon reduction	N/A
Wards	All

Background papers:

[Public Health England Alcohol Learning Resources - Alcohol CLear self-assessment tool](#)

Northumberland's Alcohol CLear Self Assessment

Report sign off.

	initials
Monitoring Officer/Legal	N/A
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