

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR HEALTH ISSUES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 5</b>
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## **Report of the Director of Operations**

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### **SAFE SHARPS DISPOSAL PILOT PROJECT**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

This report updates on the progress of the Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Commission is asked to accept the update and the actions described which will be taken to complete the project.

#### **3. LINKS TO CORPORATE PLAN, SUSTAINABLE COMMUNITY STRATEGY AND LOCAL AREA AGREEMENT**

The Sustainable Community Strategy and the Local Area Agreement aim to deliver a bigger and better Peterborough, through improving the quality of life for all. Drug-related litter and the unsafe disposal of sharp implements impacts on the safety of our communities through the increased risk of injury and transmission of blood borne viruses, and therefore by addressing it we contribute directly to the outcome of 'Making Peterborough Safer'.

#### **4. BACKGROUND**

The Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot will place special bins for injecting equipment and other sharp implements in public places to reduce the risk of injury and potential transmission of blood borne viruses to members of the public.

At its meeting in September 2009, members of this Scrutiny Panel were advised that following successful identification of potential sites and the bins having been purchased, the project was being passed to Leonie McCarthy, Neighbourhood Manager, in order to ensure appropriate consultation and agreement for installation of the bins.

#### **5. KEY ISSUES**

Attached is the timetable for installation, review and evaluation of the project.

#### **6. IMPLICATIONS**

The implications of the pilot project are city-wide.

#### **7. CONSULTATION**

Extensive consultation took place to develop and agree the Adult Drug Treatment Plan for 2009/10, in which the project is described.

Initial consultation with key stakeholders was undertaken at the project's inception. Further consultation with stakeholders in respect of the specific bin locations is being undertaken by the Neighbourhood Manager.

**8. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

The Commission is asked to accept the timetable for completion of the project.

**9. NEXT STEPS**

The timetable will be progressed as detailed. It is anticipated that updates of the uptake and impact of the project will be reported back to the Scrutiny Commission as requested.

**10. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

Used to prepare this report, in accordance with the Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

Timetable for the implementation of the Safe Sharps Disposal Project.

**11. APPENDICES**

None.