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PERFORMANCE REPORT ON SUBSTANCE MISUSE SERVICES

RECOMMENDATIONS	
FROM : Jo Melvin, Commissioner – Public Health	Deadline date : 11th December 2014
The Board is requested to note the performance of substance misuse services.	

1. ORIGIN OF REPORT

1.1 This report is submitted to Board following a request from a previous meeting.

2. PURPOSE AND REASON FOR REPORT

2.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Board on the performance of substance misuse services.

3. MAIN BODY OF REPORT

3.1 Due to the restricted nature of statistics on drug and alcohol treatment services the following report is based on the latest publically available data.

3.2 Peterborough has three distinct substance misuse treatment services:-

- Adult drug treatment service
- Adult alcohol treatment service
- Children and young people's drug and alcohol service

3.3 All of these services are community based in the city centre and offer open access for anyone wishing to self-refer. They also have strong links into criminal justice services to ensure robust pathways for those whose offending is linked to drug and/or alcohol misuse.

3.4 In addition to treatment, the young people's service undertakes a range of early intervention and prevention activities with children and young people. This includes outreach, drug and alcohol education and health promotion. The young people's service also delivers family services, supporting both children and families affected by substance misuse. The service also undertakes drug and alcohol awareness training for other professionals working with children, young people and families.

3.5 Demand for all services is high given the prevalence of drug and alcohol issues in the city. The complexity of alcohol issues in Peterborough reflects the national picture. However, there are higher rates of complexity amongst the drug treatment population than compared to the national average.

3.6 There are 3 main indicators for assessing performance of drug and alcohol treatment services used by Public Health England. They are:-

- Numbers of people in treatment
- Rate of successful completion
- Rate of re-presentation to treatment service (following successful completion)

- 3.7 In 2013/14 873 people were in treatment for opiate dependence in Peterborough. The rates of successful completions were above the national average (12% v 8% national average) and the rate of re-presentations in line with the national average (22% vs 23%)
- 3.8 In 2013/14 the number of people entering treatment for non-opiate dependence was much smaller (110 in total). The rates of successful completions exceeded the national average (61% vs 38% national average) and rates of re-presentation amongst this group was below the national average (2% vs 9% national average).
- 3.9 In 2013/14 278 people were treated for alcohol dependence (this excludes outreach and those with a probation requirement to attend alcohol treatment). Successful completion rates were above the national average (56% vs 39% national average) but representation rates above the national average (22% vs 12% national average). Measures have been put in place by the provider to address the rate of re-presentations. Early indications suggest the rate of re-presentations has reduced during 2014.
- 3.10 The Public Health Outcomes Framework includes a measure to monitor the proportion of people entering prison with substance dependence issues who have not been engaged in treatment in the community. The more effective the treatment service and its pathways, the lower this figure should be.
- 3.11 Peterborough's performance against this measure is shown in the table below:-

PHOF Indicator	Period	Peterborough	National Average
People entering prison with substance dependence issues previously not known to community treatment services	2012/13	37.1%	46.9%

- 3.12 Collectively, these indicators suggest Peterborough's drug and alcohol treatment system is working effectively to engage and treat both opiate, non-opiate and alcohol dependent individuals.

4. CONSULTATION

- 4.1 Public Health England.

5. ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES

- 5.1 To note and comment on performance

6. IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 Performance of substance misuse services is likely to influence a range of other indicators across the public health and, crime and disorder spectrum.

7. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS

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

Recovery Diagnostic Toolkit for Peterborough 13/14, Public Health England

Public Health Outcome Framework, Public Health England

<http://www.phoutcomes.info/public-health-outcomes-framework#gid/1000049/pat/6/ati/102/page/1/par/E12000006/are/E06000031>

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