

<b>SCRUTINY COMMISSION FOR HEALTH ISSUES</b>	<b>Agenda Item No. 9</b>
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## **Report of the Executive Director - Operations**

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

#### **1. PURPOSE**

To provide an update on the progress of the Safe Sharps Disposal Pilot.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

A presentation will be made at the meeting and the Commission is asked to note the update.

#### **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 spaces to reduce the risk of injury and potential transmission of blood borne viruses to members of the public.

At its meeting on 12 January 2010, the Commission agreed that all bins should be installed by the end of March 2010.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

The implications of the pilot project are city-wide.

#### **6. 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 has been undertaken by the Neighbourhood Manager.

#### **7. EXPECTED OUTCOMES**

The Commission is asked to note progress to date on the project.

**8. NEXT STEPS**

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

**9. BACKGROUND DOCUMENTS**

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None.

**10. APPENDICES**

None.