

# Havering Combating Drugs Partnership (Havering CDP)

*Annual progress report  
Aug 2022 to July 2023*



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## Background

Following Dame Carol Black's independent review of drugs in Jul 2021, the government published a 10-year drugs plan in April 2022. The government started to provide supplementary grant to public health directorates in local authorities with a supplementary grant since 2022 for 3 years to increase treatment capacity. Havering is receiving around £300,000 per year. The government also published a guidance in June 2022 to set out structures and processes through which local partners should work together to reduce drug-related harm. Subsequently Havering Combating Drugs Partnership (Havering CDP) was fully established in August 2022. This report will take stock of its progress in reducing drug and alcohol related harm locally. National Framework indicators have not been published so this report will summarise Havering's priorities and the progress made by local partners with locally available data.

## What's the situation: "Where are we starting from?"

- Based on the Crime Survey for England, there are 14,032 people aged 16-74 (7.6 % of the age group) using illicit drugs in Havering. 21% of users are of aged 16-24 (5,282 people).
- In the last 12 months (ending October 2022) 146 drug trafficking crimes were reported in Havering. The rate now stands at 0.6/1,000 population, lower than the London average (0.9/1,000).
- Alcohol-related mortality among males has been rising in the last three years. The latest data (2020) shows alcohol-related mortality of Havering (57/100,000) is higher than the London average (51/100,000).
- Drug related mortality among all persons has not significantly changed in the 9 years. The latest data (2017-19) shows Havering has a lower rate (1.7/100,000) than both London and England.
- In 2020/21 there were a total of 528 adults in drug treatment and 272 adults in alcohol treatment services. The number has not changed significantly in the last 5 years.
- The proportion of opiate and non-opiate drug users successfully completing treatment has not increased over the last 10 years.

## What are the priorities: "Where do we need to focus our energy?"

Partners in Havering identified these four overarching priorities, the first three of which were national priorities. A strategy to detail out the delivery of those four priorities is being drafted and will be published for public consultation in September 2023.

### 1. Breaking the Supply Chain

### 2. Delivering a world-class treatment & recovery system

### 3. Achieving a generational shift in the demand for drugs and excessive alcohol

### 4. Reducing risk and harm of the substance misuse to individuals, families and communities

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/independent-review-of-drugs-by-dame-carol-black-government-response/government-response-to-the-independent-review-of-drugs-by-dame-carol-black>

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<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/drugs-strategy-guidance-for-local-delivery-partners/guidance-for-local-delivery-partners-accessible-version>

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## Progress to date:

### Havering CDP:

- 7 x CDP meetings took place by the end of July 2023.
- A Needs Assessment was completed and submitted to National Combating Drugs Unit (CDU) in Nov 2022
- Additional support (staff and satellite services) are provided by the local substance misuse provider, CGL, and Mental Health at Northeast London Foundation Trust (NELFT) to meet the needs of those with co-occurring mental health and substance misuse
- Havering substance misuse service achieved Hepatitis-C micro-elimination status.
- CDP representative attended and briefed key partnerships such as:
  - Reducing Reoffending Group, Community Safety Partnership (CSP), Safeguarding Adults Board (SAB), Compact Forum, Havering Place-based Partnership, Havering Mental Health Oversight Group, Education Strategic Partnership (ESP)
- Two workshops were held to draft Substance Misuse Strategy where more than 30 delegates from local and regional organisations and residents with living experience attended.
- Supplementary Grant Plan for the second year (2023/24) was submitted and approved by Department of Health and Social care (DHSC); a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed off by the Director of Public Health at Havering Council.

### Breaking the Supply Chain:

#### The progress summary from Early Help (EH) and Multi-Agency Safeguarding Hub (MASH):

- Sharing relevant child and young people (CYP) safeguarding data to police, MASH, Youth Offending Service (YOS) to prevent and intervene modern day slavery.
- Information Advice and Support Services (IASS) in relation to county lines and modern day slavery.
- Monitoring step ups in relation to county line concerns.
- Monitoring data in relation to strategy meetings where there are safeguarding concerns identified in relation to county lines

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## Breaking the Supply Chain:

### The progress summary from BDH (Barking & Dagenham, Havering) Probation Service:

- B&D Havering probation service currently has the highest numbers of those continuing treatment following release from custody (31% against a London average of 12%)
- Probation employed Health and Justice co-ordinators to work with combating drugs partnerships to help improve service delivery
- Satellite and in-reach service and Barking and Dagenham Probation office where providers hold surgeries and assessments and collocated part time with probation staff.
- Probation commissioned service to work with end of treatment or low level substance issues, this has been linked in with local commissioned service to ensure mutual referral pathways.
- Commissioned providers working together to increase court coverage and improve Drug Rehabilitation Requirements (DRR) and Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATR) proposals. Early indication is a uplift in numbers
- Resettlement panels established to improve housing on release but linking in with treatment providers to improve access to treatment on release

## World Class Treatment and Recovery:

### • 10 more posts at CGL Havering (Treatment Service Provider):

- Criminal Justice Workers, Mental Health Outreach Worker, Recovery Workers
- Hidden Harm Family Worker, Quality & Safeguarding Lead

### • CGL Havering has introduced the following satellites:

- Probation Service in Pioneer house, Havering Magistrates Court
- NELFT Psychological Therapy (aka. IAPT) Access, Assessment and Brief intervention team (HABBIT) and Goodmayes Hospital
- CenterPoint: Heather court, Park End Road, Widcombe Close

### • Other achievements and collaboration:

- Piloting Street referral scheme with Met Police
- Delivering Drug and Alcohol awareness training to 20+ police officers
- NELFT's IAPT (talking psychological therapy) service delivering group programmes from CGL premises in Romford
- Delivering a breaking The Offender Cycle group
- Launching a recovery shop for service users to use points collected through Tempo Credit
- CGL Havering becoming a Hepatitis C Micro Elimination Service
- Numbers in treatment has increased

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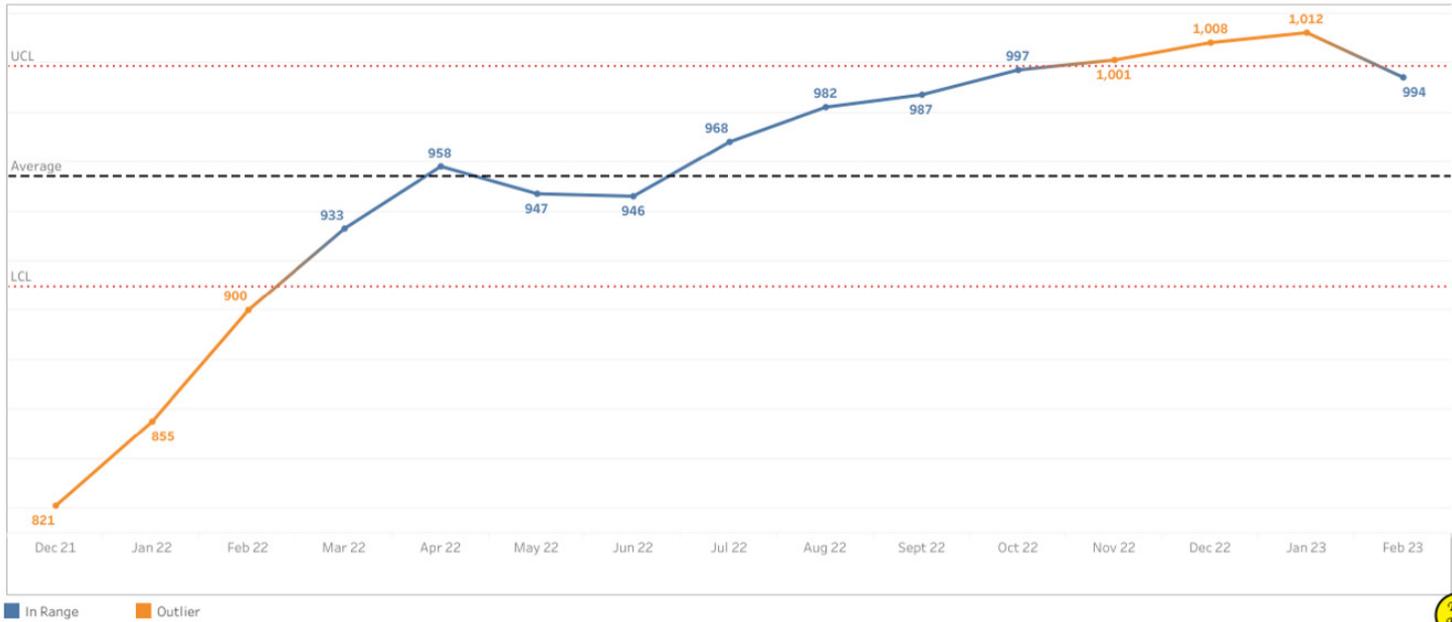
February 2023

All In Treatment



Service Type: All | Drug Group Type: OHID | Drug Group: All | Drug Category: (All) | Services Included: All | Service Level: Combined | Service: Havering Adult SMS | Operational Director: All | Executive Director: All

From: Dec 21 | To: Apr 23 | Change: +173 (+21.1%)



## World Class Treatment and Recovery:

### Local commissioning indicators:

The number in treatment has increased, yet the proportion of treatment completion and engagement of those release from prisons and young people require improvement.

	Baseline	Latest
<b>No. of adults in structured treatment</b> • Opiate • Crack cocaine • Other drugs • Alcohol	<b>821</b> (Dec 2021)	<b>994</b> (Feb 2023)
Engagement of released prisoners with substance misuse	<b>35%</b> (OHID; March 2021)	<b>31%</b> (OHID; March 2021)
Young people in treatment	<b>41</b> (OHID; March 2021)	<b>39</b> (OHID; March 2022)
Residential rehab capacity	<b>9</b> (OHID; March 2021)	<b>11</b> (OHID; March 2022)
Successful completion of opiate treatment %	<b>8.4%</b> (Local KPI; March 2021)	<b>23/273</b> (8.42%) (cf 5.19% Eng)
Successful completion of non-opiate treatment %	<b>48.3%</b> (Local KPI; March 2021)	<b>94/185</b> (50.81%) (cf 34.43% Eng)

## Generational shift in demand for drugs and excessive alcohol

The progress in the above priority can be summarised as:

- Protecting and redirecting young people through diversionary mentoring.
  - A contractual agreement (SLA) is being obtained and delivery data reviewed.
  - Data were collected and being analysed for referrals, accepted referrals and the outcomes of families that have engaged.
  - Parent Carer Champion Network (PCCN) contract is revised to reflect the need of the borough.
  - Provisions at MyPlace youth centre in Harold Hill.
  - Number of hours of outreach hours completed by Youth.
- Restrictions on alcohol by volume of off-sales in problem areas (Romford Town & Harold Hill)
- Advice and guidance on levels of intoxication given to licensees in advance of sporting events.
- Referrals to Wize-Up Substance Misuse specialist treatment from Youth Justice Service, police community resolutions and targeted youth support. Counselling support for young people was provided alongside facilitated positive activities and when required subsequent referrals were made to other services such as CAMHS.

## Reducing risk and harm to individuals, families and communities

- Training sessions were organised by Safeguarding in the areas of adult substance misuse, children and young people substance misuse and vulnerable drinkers. 12 delegates attended in each subject area between October 2022 and February 2023. Behaviour change and motivational interviewing skills were also included. Delegates became aware of the signs of people on drugs and how to help them.
- Early Help
  - Considering language for cultural sensitivity
  - All staff in Early Help will ensure they are working to the case recording principles.
  - Building capacity in services to manage demand; fostering early help to support people at risk.
  - Monitoring referrals for Universal Plus and Early Help where substance misuse is an issue.
  - Ensuring families receive a timely response.
- First time users with children younger than 5yrs- CGL to do a home visit with awareness of what's a risk vs what's a safeguard
  - CGL registering all children under 5 with a children centre.