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Introduction

This presentation will provide the Safer Communities Partnership Board an overview of the Barnet's drug and alcohol treatment population. The period covered 1.10.2015 – 30.9.2016 captures the first year of Barnet's new Adult Substance Misuse Service and includes eleven months of Barnet's old Young People's Substance Misuse Service plus one month of the Service.

This is the first time a heat map format has been used to show treatment data, in this case - age and substances used by partial post code.

Please note: the long time period and partial post code has been used to avoid producing client identifiable data. However this aggregated data will provide a starting point for discussion i.e. other useful data that the Board may suggest be included. Areas currently being followed by the commissioner:

- Substance Misuse Service Satellite activity across the borough including needle exchange programme
- Possible gaps in access to treatment
- Drug paraphernalia hot spots
- Licencing

The presentation also includes a short oversight of New Psychoactive Substances for the Board's information.

Summary of key points

The areas with the highest number of treatment episodes are:

- EN5
- HA8
- NW9

Followed by:

- NW4
- NW11
- N12

The peak age group for being in treatment is 40s and 50s however:

- There is a dip in treatment in late teens/early twenties and was highlighted during our Barnet Young People's Drug and Alcohol Needs Assessment. The New Service provides treatment up to the age of 24 to avoid cliff edge of support.
- There is a clear gap in treatment of the population from 60 years onwards – this is currently being addressed including work with the Alcohol Liaison Team at Barnet Hospital to identify people presenting with alcohol related injuries or conditions and commence the community treatment pathway there. Joint work with G.P. Practices continues to be developed and work with Social Care is to be further developed.

Barnet Treatment Population – Substances Reported

The Heat Maps highlight the three main substances that are reported (by the Service User) during a treatment episode to give a picture of the different substances used across the borough.

- Alcohol is the highest reported substance used followed by heroin, crack and cannabis
- Although at a lower level, there is reported use across the borough of other drugs i.e. cocaine, other opiates, illicit methadone, ecstasy, amphetamines, benzodiazepines, solvents, hallucinogens and others.
- In common with the age data, the areas with the largest number of Service Users is HA8, NW9 and EN5 however this does not mean there is not additional need in other areas.

Work is currently underway between the Substance Misuse Service Commissioner and Safer Communities Partnership with regards to sharing intelligence of alcohol and drug use across the borough to enable Barnet Substance Misuse Service to undertake further outreach work with CJS i.e. street drinking

Identification and Brief Advice (IBA)

Simpler 'brief intervention' approaches, typically lasting not more than 5 or so minutes, are commonly referred to as 'IBA' Identification and Brief Advice on alcohol. IBA is aimed at identifying increasing risk drinkers and obviously those who are dependent. Those drinkers who are drinking at any elevated level of risk will benefit from accurate identification and advice from their professional. The evidence base for the effectiveness of IBA is strong - the World Health Organisation and the Department of Health have both acknowledged over 50 peer reviewed, academic studies that demonstrate IBA is both effective and cost effective in reducing the risks associated with drinking.

Barnet Adult Substance Misuse Service is rapidly expanding IBA across the borough to Barnet stakeholders in the shared objective to improve the wellbeing and quality of life of residents. IBA training will be provided to frontline staff including:

- Criminal Justice Service including Custody and Neighbourhood Police (including role in CSMARAC, Community Safety Hub and improve engagement with individuals who may not normally access a Drug and Alcohol Service)
- Mental Health Services
- Domestic Violence Agencies
- Sexual Health Services
- Children and Family Services (including supporting family members to respond to change resistant drinkers, making family members more aware of barriers to change, harm reduction and impact of physical effects - this will be in conjunction with WDP Hidden Harm Service)
- Midwifery and Health Visiting and School Nursing Services
- Adult Social Care Services
- Housing Services
- Fire and Rescue Services