

LINCOLNSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

Open Report on behalf of Derek Ward, Director of Public Health

Report to	Lincolnshire Health and Wellbeing Board
Date:	6 December 2022
Subject:	Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership

Summary:

This paper provides an overview of the National Drug Strategy Guidance that was released in June 2022. It presents the agreed local delivery option for Lincolnshire and outlines current progress against key milestones set out in the guidance.

Actions Required:

The HWB is asked to:

- note the establishment of the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership, and the progress made by the Partnership to date
- agree to receive annual updates on the progress of the Partnership

1. Background

1.1 Context

The Government released a 10-year Drugs Strategy (From Harm to Hope) in December 2021 and announced significant extra funding in February 2022 to deliver improved outcomes.

On 15 June 2022, [Drugs strategy guidance for local delivery partners - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/drugs-strategy-guidance-for-local-delivery-partners) was published, setting out how the 10-year Drugs Strategy should be implemented at a local level. This included establishing a local Combating Drugs Partnership (known in Lincolnshire as the 'Drug and Alcohol Partnership') as a strategic group to guide local delivery.

The guidance sets out a National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework, which will provide a single mechanism for monitoring progress across central government, and in local areas, towards delivery of the commitments and ambitions of the 10-year Drugs Strategy to level up the country. The outcomes and metrics included in the framework aim to provide a link between action and the impact experienced by individuals, families and neighbourhoods across the country.

1.2 Progress to Date

The guidance sets out key milestones that the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership must achieve by April 2023, set out in the table below alongside a progress update.

Milestone	Timeframe	Current Position
Form the local Combating Drugs Partnership, including agreeing the geographical footprint and Senior Responsible Owner	By 1 st August	Complete: the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership has a Lincolnshire footprint and Derek Ward is the Senior Responsible Owner
Agree terms of reference for the partnership and governance structure	By end September	Complete: the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership is the Drug and Alcohol Core Priority Group of the Safer Lincolnshire Partnership. ToR (see Appendix A) were agreed at the inaugural Partnership meeting in September 2022.
Conduct a joint needs assessment	By end November	Ongoing (at the time of writing): the Drug and Alcohol JSNA was recently refreshed and is being used alongside other intelligence (e.g. the 2021 Drug Market Profile) to produce this summary needs assessment for Lincolnshire.
Agree a local drug strategy delivery plan	By end December	Ongoing: work is ongoing within the Drug and Alcohol Partnership to understand current areas of activity, and gaps, to inform the 2023 delivery plan. This will be advanced in the next Partnership on 29 th November and a verbal updated will be shared with HWB Board Members on the 6 th December. The plan will include prevention and treatment for both drugs and alcohol.
Agree a local performance framework	By end December	Ongoing: work is underway and a framework will be finalised once the local delivery plan is agreed.
Report on progress	By end April	Ongoing.

2. Conclusion

This report provides an update on the establishment and progress to date of the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership. The Partnership met for the first time in September 2022 and will meet again in November 2022 to ensure timely progress towards the milestones set out by central Government.

3. Joint Strategic Needs Assessment and Joint Local Health & Wellbeing Strategy

The Council, NHS Lincolnshire Integrated Care Board, and the Lincolnshire Integrated Care Partnership must have regard to the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment (JSNA) and Joint Local Health and Wellbeing Strategy (JLHWS).

The work of the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership is informed by the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. The Partnership has also contributed to the development of the new JSNA factsheet that will be published in spring 2023.

4. Consultation

We have engaged with a range of key stakeholders in developing the Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership, including the Integrated Care Board, the Police and Crime Commissioner, Lincolnshire Police, Probation, and Senior Officers and Elected Members at Lincolnshire County Council.

5. Appendices

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Lincolnshire Drug and Alcohol Partnership Terms of Reference

6. Background Papers

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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