

Locality Report to LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership Meeting

Locality Area:	Charnwood
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Date of Report:	4/8/20
Date of Meeting where LLR SMCSP report discussed at locality level (e.g. CSP)	TBC

1.	Substance Misuse Trends <i>Update on current biggest challenges relating to substance misuse in the locality within the last 3 months</i> <i>Update on any changes in substance misuse need in locality in last 3 months</i>
<p>Referrals to Turning Point initially reduced at the beginning of lockdown. However in the last month referral has been approximately back to pre-lockdown rates. Fewer service users are dropping out of treatment and fewer are being discharged as having successfully completed treatment – this may be because with the current measures in place people are less able to gain support from others and fill their lives with other ways to ‘move on’. This means we have more service users in treatment.</p>	
2.	Drugs Costs <i>Latest intelligence from front line staff on drugs costs and availability in locality</i>
Drug	Costs reported by staff in locality (and for how much)
Heroin	£10 for 0.3 grams or 3 for £15. Shortage of heroin reported in Shepshed.
Crack	Crack availability is reduced – some dealers have no supply. For those that do have a supply, prices have increased and purity has decreased. 3 rocks for £20+
Cocaine	£10 for 0.1 gram, used for injecting as is cheap
Cannabis	£15 for 1 to 2 grams depending on strength – increase in price.
Psychoactive Substances (e.g. Mamba)	Not reported
Illicit Prescribed Medication (e.g. pregablin, diazepam)	Illicit methadone £10 for 100 mls. Reports are that illicit methadone has become easier to buy.
3.	Turning Point Local Update <i>Update on any LOCAL activities/changes within the last 3 months</i>
<p>Turning Point are continuing to offer the same level of treatment and support as previously, however the majority of appointments are being carried out by phone. Structured groups are not currently running, however aftercare groups are being held via online platforms.</p> <p>Some face to face appointments are still taking place when required e.g. new start prescribing appointments, screenings, Pabrinex injections.</p> <p>The Loughborough office is still open Mon-Fri 9.30am-5pm for these appointments, plus needle exchange and drop-in for any emergencies.</p> <p>Everyone entering the building is required to wear a face mask, and we are only able to have one person in the waiting room at any one time.</p>	
4.	Partnership Working Local Updates

	<i>Updates on any LOCAL partnership working in last 3 months</i> <i>Information on any local communications/campaigns in last 3 months</i>
	All partnership working has been conducted by online meetings. We're working on achieving the same level of partnership work without the time wasted on travel.
5.	Drug Litter <i>Any local issues regarding needle finds and any local actions</i>
	Nothing currently highlighted. We have previously attempted to address drug litter problems by an awareness campaign in the Loughborough office and needle exchange of information and photos of local drug litter.
6.	Items to Escalate to LLR Substance Misuse Community Safety Partnership Meeting <i>Any issues specific to the locality that require escalation or further action/resources</i>
	Nothing highlighted.
7.	Any Other Comments/Information
	Nothing highlighted.