

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board

Date: 7 May 2009

Report Title: Alcohol Strategy Implementation Plan Update

Report of: Marion Morris, Drug and Alcohol Strategy Manager

Purpose

To inform the SCEB on progress on implementing the community safety strand of the Alcohol Strategy Action Plan.

Background

Community Safety Partnerships have a statutory duty to have a strategy that addresses alcohol-related crime and anti-social behaviour. Government guidance says it is good practice for local alcohol strategies to cover not just community safety, but broader health and social harm too. Haringey's alcohol strategy was reviewed and refreshed last year, and the action plan renegotiated with partners.

The action plan is in three sections: health, community safety and children and young people. This update concerns the community safety section, whose actions fall within the remit of the Safer Communities Executive Board.

Progress on the action plan

The Other Violent Crime Partnership Board has implemented its programme of research into alcohol-related violence (CS1) and initial findings suggest under-reporting is an issue and that alcohol-related domestic violence appears to be a significant category within recorded incidents – both issues are now being explored further.

Analysis of existing alcohol-related ASB data has shown that it is not sufficient for profiling the problems we want to target. The ASB Board will consider commissioning further research at its May meeting (CS2).

Training for enforcement officers in the new tools and powers to tackle alcohol-related disorder will be delivered shortly (CS3). A joint enforcement protocol for dealing with problems in licensed premises has been discussed and drafted, and will be signed-off shortly (CS5).

Implementing a multi-agency approach to street drinking (CS8 and 9) is on the agenda for the next Alcohol Strategy Group (April 30th), where this will be progressed.

London Fire Brigade's Community Action Team has been working with the DAAT to get fire safety messages in our alcohol-harm reduction materials, a fire safety workshop for drug and alcohol workers on 2nd March (CS10).

Domestic violence and alcohol training has been commissioned from the Stella Project (CS12).

The LAA target – to reduce the rate of alcohol-related hospital admissions (NI39) – appears to be very slightly off-target (predicted to be 1600 admissions per 100,000 for 08/09; target is 1579) as of the latest data we have from the PCT (Q2 2008/09). The target is formally measured by the North West Public Health Observatory, which has only just published 07/08 data. PCT analysts calculate the local measurement should agree with the NWPHO figures plus or minus 2% (which would put our 08/09 outturn between 1568 and 1632).

Legal/Financial Implications

New £100k ABG allocation for the Safer Communities Executive Board for 2009/10 and 2010/11 to implement the alcohol strategy. A PID has been submitted and will be presented at next SCEB PMG.

£460k requested new investment pa by the PCT for brief interventions work at A & E and primary care, Local Enhanced Service in Primary Care etc. (outcome known by May).

Recommendations

To note the implementation plan update.

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Appendix 1: **ALCOHOL STRATEGY ACTION PLAN 2009/10** SCEB section 22.4.09

Reducing alcohol-related crime and antisocial behaviour				Safer Communities Executive Board				
CS1	To develop a programme of research and relevant action about alcohol-related violence, including a time-limited local survey of violent incidents to establish the nature and extent of the problem. (To include understanding extent to which alcohol related violent crime is targeted at LGBT – in particular outside licensed premises.)	Policy Officer (violent crime) Community Safety Team/Acting Police Chief Inspector for Partnership and Youth	Mar 09	Core business	Other Violent Crime Partnership Board	NI 15: serious violent crime rate	SCEB	G
CS2	Research local alcohol-related ASB and develop appropriate responses to include relevant indicators from the <i>Safe. Sensible. Social. Toolkit</i> plus data gathered through community engagement approaches on the wider needs of street drinkers* and young people who drink in public places.	Policy Officer (ASB) Community Safety Team	April 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS3	Provide training for enforcement agencies on new powers to address alcohol-related ASB	Assistant Director for Enforcement	Ongoing	Core business	ASB Partnership Board	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS4	Establish programme of joint enforcement activity targeting	Assistant Director for Enforcement	Ongoing	Core business	ASB Partnership	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-	SCEB	

	(rolling) top ten problem licensed premises				Board	social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)		A
CS5	Agree a joint alcohol enforcement protocol for inclusion in the council Enforcement Policy	Assistant Director for Enforcement	Mar 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS6	Develop and launch a Responsible Licensee Scheme	Assistant Director for Enforcement	Oct 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS7	Explore the opportunities for coordinating out of hours working across agencies, to include arrangements for linking together noise, licensing, street cleanliness and CCTV services, with police and emergency services to improve the response to incidences and disturbance	Enforcement Response Manager	Mar 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS8	Agree and implement a multi-agency approach to the alcohol control zones. This will include: ensuring all enforcement officers are clear about their powers; ensuring support agencies are involved (HAGA, employment, housing etc);	Asst Director Enforcement/Director HAG/Regional Director St Mungo's Assistant Director for Enforcement	June 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board/DAAT	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	G

	CCTV are aware of zones and any particular issues							
CS9	Information on the Alcohol Control Zones to be clear, sources of support available (eg leaflets/cards to be readily accessible, ensuring enforcement officers have alcohol awareness training	Asst. Director for Enforcement/Director HAGA/Regional Director St Mungo's Assistant Director for Enforcement	June 09	Core business	ASB Partnership Board/DAAT	NI 21: Dealing with local concerns about anti-social behaviour and crime by the local council and police (improvement target)	SCEB	A
CS10	Integrate fire safety messages as appropriate into alcohol prevention and information, and improve links between fire service and substance misuse agencies where vulnerable adults are concerned – to help reduce accidental dwelling fire	Fire Service Borough Commander	Ongoing	Printed materials £800	ASB Partnership board	Local target: Number of accidental dwelling fires (2007 –2010 stretch target)	SCEB	G
CS11	Support survivors of Domestic Violence who have substance use issues by providing surgeries at Hearthstone by an alcohol and Domestic Violence specialist worker	HAGA/Hearthstone Equalities Team	Ongoing	Core business	Domestic Violence Partnership Board	Local target: Repeat victimisation of domestic violence (2007-2010 stretch target)	SCEB	G
CS12	Support survivors of Domestic Violence who have substance use issues by providing Stella project training to substance misuse workers and frontline Domestic Violence workers	Joint Commissioning Manager	Ongoing	£1.5k (advanced training for 10 workers)	Domestic Violence Partnership Board	Local target: Repeat victimisation of domestic violence (2007-2010 stretch target)	SCEB	A
CS13	Agree and implement a system to ensure all activity related to alcohol harm reduction is suitably communicated and coordinated across the relevant	Chair Alcohol Strategy Group	Feb 09	Core business			SCEB	G

	partnership boards and agencies								
CS14	To adopt area based working /problem solving approach to alcohol related ASB /environ-crime/crime issues.	Policy Officer (ASB) Community Safety Team	Ongoing	Core business		Public Management objectives	Realm strategy	SCEB	G
CS15	Implement a rolling programme of test purchasing for alcohol	Assistant Director for Enforcement	Ongoing	Core business	ASB Partnership board			SCEB	G