

Update on the Rotherham Combatting Drugs Partnership

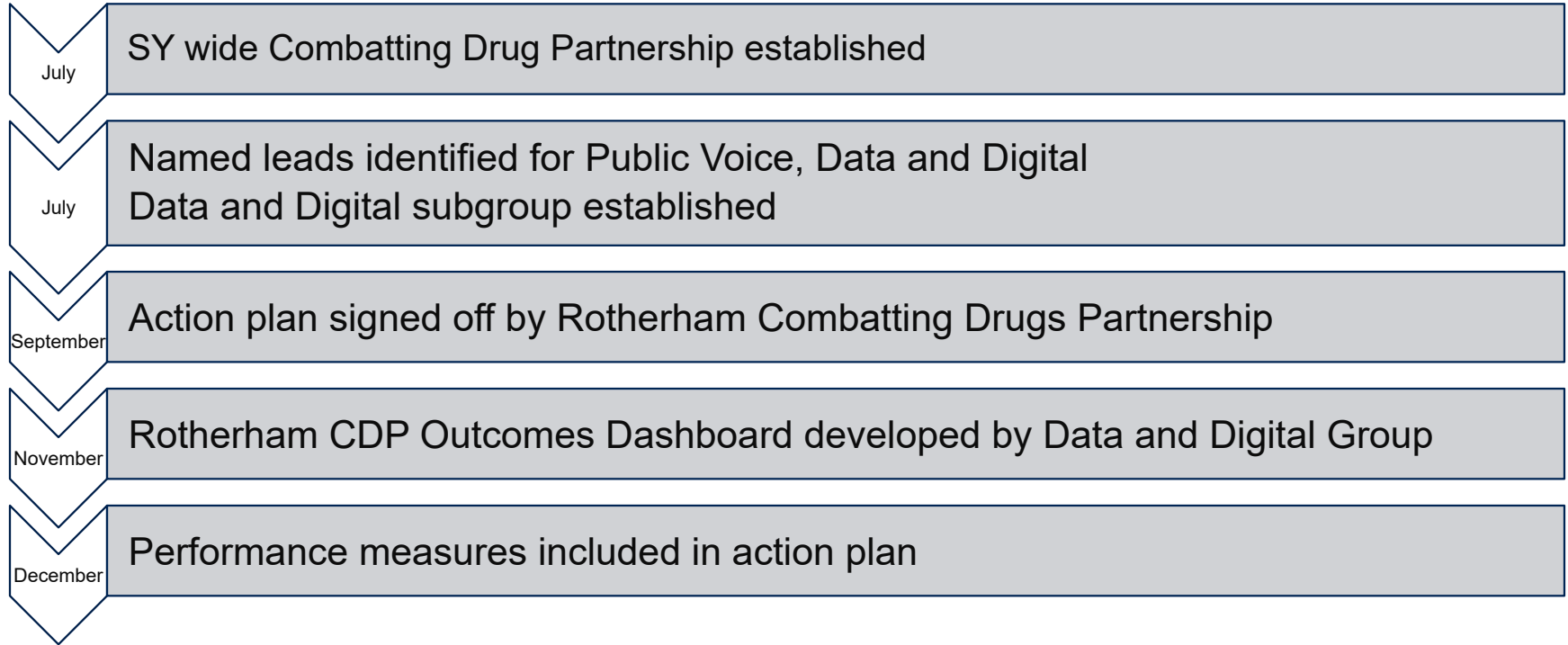
Health and Wellbeing Board

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Context

- The Rotherham Combatting Drugs Partnership was established in September 2022
- The partnership aims to work together across the system to deliver the aims of the National 10 Year Drug Strategy: From Harm to Hope, at a local level
 - Break drug supply chains
 - Deliver a world class treatment system
 - Achieve a shift in the demand for drugs

Rotherham CDP progress since 03/24



Rotherham Combatting Drugs Partnership: Working together to combat illegal drug use in Rotherham

Prepare

to build community resilience to reduce the impact of drug harm

- Facilitate improved information sharing including with IT systems
- Equip workers by providing education for professionals
- Develop Combatting Drugs Communications and Engagement Strategy

Prevent

to stop individuals becoming involved in drugs and support recovery and reduce harm when they do

- Develop continuity of care in criminal justice pathway
- Develop whole family approach
- Develop wider support offer and capacity for increased numbers for alcohol and drugs treatment/support

Protect

to protect those in treatment and recovery, their families and the wider community

- Develop and Deliver Harm Reduction offer
- Reduce drug related deaths
- Implement dual diagnosis pathways and improved psychological support.
- Develop and implement recovery pathway

Pursue

to reduce drug supply and related crime and bring perpetrators to justice

- Continue effective pursue response working with partners
- Develop focus on county lines/ exploitation of children in line with child exploitation strategy
- Disrupt organised crime

Key progress against action plan:

Prepare

- A local outcomes framework has been developed to measure progress against the National Combatting Drugs Outcomes Framework
- Local Drug Information System (LDIS) panel has been established to collate, evaluate and respond to intelligence concerning potent, novel or adulterated substances
- A range of drug and alcohol training sessions have, and continue, to be delivered to upskill the wider public health workforce
- Stock of educational resources have been procured and distributed to schools and higher education alongside appropriate training from the Rotherham Alcohol and Drugs Service (ROADs)

Key progress against action plan:

Prevent

- New substance misuse early help team in the family hubs began taking referrals in August enhancing early identification and access to specialist services for parents
- Work has continued to implement the revised pathway for access into detoxification and rehabilitation, enabling more individuals to benefit and increase successful treatment outcomes
- New posts are now in place in the sexual health service, working with the drugs and alcohol service to identify new clients and enhance the service offer in both services
- Drinkcoach was procured and live since April 2023. Drinkcoach is an online commissioned service that allows people to assess their drinking and receive personalised advice and support online including free coaching sessions

Key progress against action plan:

Protect

- ROADS have developed their harm reduction offer including providing Naloxone training to partners to help prevent opiate deaths
- SYP Police Drug and Alcohol Related Death Prevention Coordinator Role successfully recruited to and now supporting work improving local intelligence systems to reduce harms from drugs
- ROADS established as public involvement lead, developing plans to ensure a range of voices are heard throughout the work of the CDP
- VAR have been commissioned to develop an independent Recovery Community in Rotherham. This includes the creation of public forums and lived experience champion roles and managing recovery grants to community groups. This work will provide support for people at various stages of recovery, enabling them improve their lives and reducing the risk of relapse.

Key progress against action plan:

Pursue

- Additional 3 Drug expert witnesses are now in place to support the investigation of drug offences with appropriate knowledge, skills and experience
- To ensure effective intelligence management additional SYP Threat and Harm meetings are now chaired by the force drug lead
- Operation GROW, partnership approach to cannabis, continues to be successful
- A new Serious and Organised Crime Tasking Group to discuss intelligence relating to OCG members is now in place to set actions set at a partnership level

CDP outcomes framework: Measuring progress against the national strategy

Break drug supply chains

The number of moderate and major disruptions against organised criminals

The drug trafficking and possession

Hospital admissions for assault with a sharp object

Number of county lines closed

Deliver a world class treatment and recovery system

Numbers in treatment

Continuity of Care (those leaving prison entering community treatment within 3 weeks)

Number of drug related deaths

Hospital admissions for drug poisoning

Hepatitis C prevalence for those who inject drugs

Achieve a shift in the demand for drugs

Estimated prevalence of opiate and/or crack use

Homelessness duty owed with a drug dependency need

The number of Children in Need with concerns about drug misuse

Proportion of those in both mental health and drug treatment (where a mental health need has been identified)

Asks of the Health and Wellbeing Board

- Note the progress against the action plan
- Support the work of the Partnership