

LONDON DRUGS FORUM

MEETING NOTES

Tuesday 21st May 2024

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City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE

Co-Chairs: Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayor's Senior Health Advisor
Kenny Bowie, Director of Strategy & MPS Oversight, MOPAC

Attended: Farrah Hart (GLA Group Public Health);
Josie Garrett (GLA Group Public Health);
Mark Leonardo (GLA Group Public Health);
Kate Lloyd (MOPAC);
DAC Matt Ward (MPS);
Cmdr Paul Brogden (MPS);
DCS Ella Marriott (MPS);
DSU Adam Ghaboos (MPS);
DSU Sean Lyons (MPS);
DSU Kirsty Mead (MPS);
A/DCI Jim Seager (MPS);
DCI Hailey Panting (MPS);
DI Andy Keighley (MPS);
Dr Edward Day (U.Birmingham);
Rachael Millar (JCDU);
Alison Keating (OHID);
Emma Burke (OHID);
Leethen Bartholomew (GLA Children and Young Londoners);
Dr Emily Finch (SLAM);
Sinead Dervin (NHS England);
Adam Winstock (NHS England);
Sharon Whitmore (HMPPS);
Karen Tipping (HMPPS);
Gary Connors (VRU);
Paul Murphy (LB Ealing);
Kerry Lonergan (LB Lewisham);
Sharon Whittington (RB Greenwich);
Rangan Momen (London Councils);
Dionne Cameron (MOPAC);
Rukiya Gadid (MOPAC);
PC Tomas Maloney (Police Now/MOPAC);
Karen Thomas (MOPAC)

Apologies: Sophie Linden
Prof Kevin Fenton (OHID);
Fiona Taylor (LB Barking & Dagenham);
Will Haydock (JCDU);
Karina Wane-Henry (VRU);
Dudu Sher-Arami (LB Brent);
Peter Keeling (NHS Addictions Provider Alliance);

Introduction

Dr Tom Coffey OBE welcomed partners, noted apologies and commented on actions that had been completed or followed up on since the last meeting. Dr Coffey also recapped some of the achievements to date:

- Expedited vetting for drugs workers to allow them access to custody suites.
- Supported efforts to improve London's continuity of care rate.
- Increased the number of Coroners reporting their drug related death data to NPSAD.
- Supported the pan-London rollout of Project ADDER.

- Established two sub-groups to ensure work on improving continuity of care and the criminal justice pathways into treatment can be effective.
- Convened the Senior Responsible Officers for London's Combating Drugs Partnerships (CDPs), along with Head of Community Safety and MPS representatives to discuss the challenges they have experienced in establishing their CDPs as well as share some of the practices they have adopted.

Drugs and Violence

The MPS provided overview of the work being undertaken by Op Orochi and Op Yamata, and the role they play in both disrupting drugs networks and preventing violence that ensues from them. A discussion on greater information sharing between the operations and health partners took place, and partners agreed to look at further opportunities to protect lives.

Recovery

Dr Edward Day, Government National Recovery Champion, joined the meeting to discuss recovery, highlighting the lack of focus the area had received, learnings that could be taken from other countries, and the vital role those with lived experience could play in supporting the recovery of others. OHID and ADPH advised that they would be leading on a piece of sector-led improvement on recovery.

Sub-groups Update

Alison Keating provided updates on the work of the Criminal Justice Substance Misuse (CJSM) and Community Criminal Justice Pathways (CCJP) sub-groups. She advised that seven priority workstreams had been identified by the CJSM sub-group, and that these would be overseen by an OHID coordinator. Alison also advised on discussions that had taken place at the Incident Management Team meeting, including on the system for escalation.

AOB

Kenny Bowie thanked partners who had taken part in further discussions to fill in gaps in the London Drugs Problem Profile, and on the direction of LDF work going forward.