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Integrated Wellness Service

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We are pleased to announce the forthcoming plans to re-commission our Integrated Health and Wellbeing Service (IHWS). This vital service plays a crucial role in enhancing the health of Slough's residents by delivering essential lifestyle programs such as falls prevention, smoking cessation, and weight management initiatives. These programs are instrumental in reducing the burden of chronic diseases and promoting independent, healthier lifestyles.

The new contract is scheduled to commence on 1st April. To inform the service design, we are currently conducting a public consultation to gather valuable insights from the community. Additionally, a clinical reference group comprising primary care leads, general practitioners, and clinicians has been established to ensure a robust and comprehensive service specification. We are also working with our co-production network comprising of members of the public to ensure that the new service is responsive to the evolving needs of our residents and contribute to the overall well-being of our community.

Safer Slough Partnership

Lisa Spall, Slough Borough Council Community Safety Partnership Manager

The Safer Slough Partnership (SSP) is Slough's community safety partnership, which seeks to reduce crime, anti-social behaviour and fear of crime. The SSP is accountable for compliance with the statutory responsibilities set out in the Crime and Disorder Act 1998.

In addition, Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 states that all relevant authorities – which includes town and parish councils – have a duty to consider the impact of all their functions and decisions on crime and disorder in their local area.

The duties introduced by the Crime and Disorder Act 1998 affect all town and parish councils, whatever their size or location. The Act introduces a partnership approach to local crime reduction; town and parish councils should be partners in that process. The Act also imposes certain duties on town and parish councils to consider crime and disorder reduction in everything they do. It is therefore important that all clerks and local councillors understand the key parts of the Act that affect them. The SSP works in partnership with other local agencies to address local issues including, antisocial behaviour, drug or alcohol misuse, and re-offending.

Informing a strategic group that devises and implements strategies to tackle crime and disorder. As well as engaging with and gathering the views of the public and have one public meeting per year, the SSP Board is the governing body that also conducts an annual strategic assessment to inform/identify local priorities. As a result, this sets out a partnership strategy and delivery plan to monitor progress. The SSP Board ensures there is effective information sharing across the partnership, to include the commissioning of Domestic Violence Homicide reviews.

Successful delivery of the SSP is dependent not only on support from our partners, but also working with our residents, community and voluntary groups, which are vital to reduce crime and disorder. The SSP benefits from excellent communication arrangements and positive relationships with all partners in Slough.

The SSP is made up of responsible authorities from:

- Royal Berkshire Fire and Rescue Service
- Thames Valley Police
- Probation Service
- NHS Frimley Integrated Care Board
- Slough Borough Council

WorkWell

Mahmuda Ullah, Frimley ICS Programme Lead – Living Well Ambition

The Government has announced a £2 billion support package in the Spring Budget 2023 to address rising ill-health related economic inactivity, aiming to help disabled people and those with health conditions to start, stay, and succeed in work.

WorkWell, part of this initiative, invited applications from Integrated Care Boards (ICBs) on how they would deliver WorkWell, which included potential numbers, impact on the local geography and how this would be delivered through collaboration and partnership working.

NHS Frimley was successful with the bid and makes it one of 15 pilot areas in England to roll out this pilot. The plan was co-designed with delivery partners through place-based working groups. The working groups were led by key partners who have a strong understanding of the geography and demography of the System, resulting in a vision for Frimley's WorkWell service. The focus is on four out of five areas in the System, excluding the Royal Borough of Windsor and Maidenhead (RBWM), however, RBWM have a keen interest in learning from the outcomes and developments of the pilot.

Implementation involves formalising working groups into Place-Led Delivery Groups and these groups will develop the detailed approach each place will take to meet the strategic objectives of the Pilot. Reporting to Place Committees and aligning with local Health and Wellbeing boards for strategic oversight. There will be regular reporting to the local Health and Wellbeing boards will ensure involvement of councillors, public health teams and NHS leaders in providing strategic oversight to the WorkWell Programme. These entities will also report to the Frimley System People Board, ensuring coordinated efforts towards the WorkWell Programme's objectives. A jointly appointed (between NHS Frimley and a Local Authority) Learning and Change Manager, will lead the day-to-day delivery of the Pilot.

0-19s Recommissioning

Uche Obasohan Slough Borough Council Public Health and Public Protection CYP Lead

The Health Visiting and School Nursing service for children from 0 to 19 years of age (and young people up to 25 years with special needs) went to tender on 3rd January 2024. Following procurement guidelines, bids were evaluated between 13th February and 11th March 2024. As a result, HCRG were recommended as the supplier under a new contract.

Slough Borough Council approved the award of the new contract to HCRG 20th May 2024. Following the standstill period we will now move to mobilisation of the new services which will be in place 1st October 2024.

East Berkshire Combatting Drugs Partnership

Jason Kew, Berkshire CDP Lead

The CDP is the partnership charged with overseeing delivery of the National Drug Strategy. This update summarises actions in the current work programme.

Reducing Drug Use

- Slough y6 and secondary age children are offered structured drug awareness education in school. The CDP is encouraging schools to offer additional awareness via accredited providers such as the DSM Foundation. Schools are discouraged from utilising exclusions for drug-related incidents and instead divert children into drug awareness sessions via the young person's drug service.
- Colleges and higher education establishments are being encouraged to adopt drug awareness for students and implement accredited interventions such as University Safer for All.
- For parents, carers, and teachers, the CDP has co-developed a free, weekly, online drop-in Zoom meeting which is held every Wednesday evening at 7.30pm. Contact Jason.Kew@reading.gov.uk for details.
- Frimley ICS will be assessing alcohol unmet needs to identify people at higher risk of alcohol use to guide concentrated awareness and prevention work. This work is being coordinated via the newly established alcohol Alcohol Professionals Partnership.
- The CDP hosts a monthly CPD lunch and learn series. All professionals and peers are encouraged to attend to improve their skills and knowledge.

Reduce Drug-Related Crime

- Thames Valley Police have an effective adult **drug diversion** scheme, where anyone found in possession of any drug is diverted to an awareness session provided by Druglink.
- TVP's **out-of-court resolution framework** is being developed to include drug-related offences, to treat the causes of crime.
- **Drug Testing on Arrest.** The CDP sits on the DTOA working group, with the pilot site in our local custody suite. This is a Home Office-funded pilot and will result in more people, who test positive for drugs receiving enhanced support for their drug use. Turning Point will see more clients for the first time as a result.
- **IPS** – Individual placement scheme, to support employment for people in treatment, Slough is leading on this funded project.

Reduce Drug-Related Deaths and Harm

- The CDP has established a monthly **Local drug information system** for active drug alerts to be professionally assessed, coordinated, and published.
- The CDP has established a quarterly **drug-related death overview panel**, where all deaths are analysed to learn and identify opportunities for prevention.
- The CDP has led to the creation of **rapid drug testing**. Slough has use of the Hants CC Public Safety lab for the fast-time analysis of any illicit substance attributed to a harmful incident.
- The local custody suite enables detainees to collect **needle exchange supplies** exiting custody. This is evidenced to reduce in deaths and harm following release from custody.
- There is a current work plan to include **disposable crack pipes** into Slough's needle exchange, following recent NIHR evaluated studies where crack pipe supplies improved the number of presentations for treatment of crack-only users.

- **SCAS** shares monthly mapping data to identify overdose hot spots within Slough.
- The CDP has a workstream to **upskill peers** with enhanced medical and screening skills for peer-to-peer naloxone provision. Turning Point is leading this innovative practice.
- **Expanding naloxone** into the community. All public-facing locations and volunteers working in high-risk populations are encouraged to train and equip themselves with Naloxone.
- **Nitazene response plan** – The CDP has coordinated the Nitazene response plan with Police and has an established mechanism to involve the LRF in case of a sudden increase of Nitazene-related overdoses.

Reduce Drug Supply

- The CDP is closely involved with the co-development of **TVP's Drug-related harm group and SEROCU's strategic CDL action plan**.
- The CDP shares evidence-based public health interventions which are proven to reduce demand and supply.

Increased engagement in treatment

- Turning Point has increased the number of women-only sessions.
- TVP has commissioned Cranstoun to deliver the TVP wide domestic abuse service and enhanced neurodiversity screening and support in custody.

Improve recovery outcomes

- The CDP has led on the provision of opiate substitute treatment for those in active recovery to be administered in custody.
- Turning Point is prescribing Buprenorphine within Slough and has established partnerships with Slough Outreach and Browns.

Community Water Fluoridation

Tandeep Badesha, Slough Borough Council Public Health Officer

As part of the NHS's plan for preventive dental care, a proposal has been introduced to expand water fluoridation in the north east of England, focussing on areas of deprivation. Currently, only 10% of England's population has fluoridated drinking water. The fluoridation level would be increased within the World Health Organisation's safe limits. This expansion is expected to reduce tooth decay, particularly in children, and generate a net social benefit of £315 million by lowering NHS costs and improving public health.

Tooth decay, especially prevalent among children and in deprived areas, remains a significant health issue. Water fluoridation is an effective preventive measure, reducing tooth decay, pain and the need for treatment. Scientific reviews support water fluoridation as a safe and effective public health intervention. Fluoridated areas show lower tooth decay rates without significant health risks. Environmental assessments indicate minimal impact from fluoridation compared to other dental health interventions.

A public consultation is in train and open to all. It is important for us to watch this programme as we also have poor dental health locally. For more information on the scheme and consultation [Community water fluoridation expansion in the north east of England - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/community-water-fluoridation-expansion-in-the-north-east-of-england). The consultation is here <https://consultations.dhsc.gov.uk/en/659c11ef3252bdbbae01cb07>