

## TRAFFORD COUNCIL

**Report to:** Health & Wellbeing Board  
**Date:** 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
**Report for:** Information  
**Report of:** Director of Public Health

### Report Title

Trafford Alcohol and Substance Use Joint Strategic Needs Assessment

### Purpose

To share the headline findings and recommendations of the new joint strategic needs assessment (JSNA) on drugs and alcohol and the draft action plan developed with partners to the Trafford, Alcohol, Substance Misuse and Gambling Partnership (TASMGP) in response to JSNA emerging findings.

The item will also provide update on the context for this work which includes the upcoming reprocurement of the Substance Misuse Prevention and Treatment Service commissioned by Salford City Council on behalf of Trafford, Bolton and Salford Local Authorities. Further background and detail has previously been provided in the Health and Wellbeing Board Annual Report last March.

### Recommendations

#### **The Board is asked to:**

1. Note and support the recommendations in the JSNA.
2. Sign off and support the action plan for TASMGP, making any suggested amendments and outlining any priorities.
3. Support engagement through TASMGP by ensuring relevant partners are represented and activity is reflected.
4. Identify capacity and priority questions for further analysis to deepen understanding of needs in Trafford.
5. Advise on how to share the findings of the JSNA, improve awareness of the support offers outlined within it and identify training needs amongst staff.
6. Provide any further feedback to inform the design of the new prevention and treatment service contract.

The system wide JSNA recommendations have been categorised into the four priority areas of the TASMGP action plan, these include:

#### **Priority 1: Understanding Need (Gaining a better understanding of need, improved recording).**

1. To improve the recording of drug and alcohol needs within key services including children's and adults social care; youth justice; GMP; Mental Health services and Living Well; children's and adults community services within the TLCO; TTT.

2. To complete further research into the Trafford wider impacts including employment, finance and housing.

3. To develop targeted action plans to meet the alcohol only and opiate (crack) users, which has been identified as Trafford's highest unmet need into specialist treatment services (by substance use type).

4. To conduct a 'deep dive' working with young people, carers and professionals, to explore apparent high level of U18 hospital admissions.

**Priority 2: Early Intervention & Prevention**  
***(Brief interventions across the board, campaigns).***

5. To improve awareness of associated harms and destigmatise alcohol and substance use amongst professionals and the public.

6. To develop a targeted approach to females in need of specialist treatment, to reduce the likelihood of them dying younger, having liver disease or being admitted to hospital.

7. To target support and training for general practitioners where there is variation in the delivery of alcohol support. Specifically, amongst those in the South PCN with the lowest uptake, where alcohol has been identified as a south-level neighbourhood priority.

8. Embed a neighbourhood or hyper-local approach to substance misuse prevention and management, developing relationships with local partners to support complex service-users holistically and to contribute to community-level prevention and earlier intervention.

**Priority 3: Treatment**  
***(Promoting existing services, increasing referrals).***

9. To improve awareness of the full-service offer amongst all partners, including the outreach and non-clinical offer.

10. To continue growth of Achieve Trafford's trauma-informed approach and bringing together addiction and mental health services including clearer pathways and flexible support to meet the needs of people with both mental health and substance use needs.

11. To organise a system-wide co-occurring conditions away day to agree an action plan and review progress through TSPB / HWBB/ TASMGP.

12. To strengthen relationships between Trafford social care and other family-facing teams with Achieve Trafford, particularly to support families where children are affected by parental substance use to increase referrals into the treatment system at an earlier stage and prioritise the voice of the child.

13. To deliver specialist treatment and engage Achieve Trafford service users in community settings, to reduce the likelihood of the office location being a barrier to treatment access.

14. GMMH to continue to engage with out-of-areas prisons to secure appropriate pathways into Trafford community treatment. This should include ensuring weekly

prison information is obtained and ensuring that information provided on individuals leaving prisons are sufficient so continuity of care can be continued.

15. Treatment providers to provide assurance that representation of different ethnic groups in treatment is appropriate to reflect need and focus community development approaches to ensure access for all cultures and populations.

**Priority 4: Recovery  
(Increasing recovery support & communities)**

16. To build a recovery community in Trafford to support Trafford residents to sustain their recovery and reduce the likelihood of needing to re-present at specialist treatment services.

17. To conduct research with partners to identify what recovery model would best meet Trafford's needs.

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