

Reducing drug-related litter: response to Scrutiny Inquiry recommendations

Recommendations	Accepted by Executive? (Y/N)	How will the recommendation be achieved? (Key actions)	Responsible Officer	Target Date for Completion
<p>1. Displacement of drug litter - Undertake analysis of drug litter finds since the night time closure of Grosvenor Square Car Park to better understand the link between car park closure and the location of drug litter finds in the city. This information should then be used to help inform future decisions relating to the night time closure of additional city centre multi-storey car parks.</p>	Yes	Analysis Decisions about night time closure	Rosie Zambra with Colin McAllister	30/09/18 Ongoing
<p>2. Make it clearer how to report drug related litter - To encourage public reporting, review the location and content of information on the Council's website that explains how to report drug litter and what to do if you find drug litter. This information should be made available to community groups who organise and undertake litter picks.</p>	Yes	Review Council's website City Welfare Wardens to continue to work closely with the cleansing team to ensure items are reported and removed in a timely manner	Rosanna Coppen with Rosie Zambra Rosie Zambra	31/08/18 Ongoing
<p>3. Extend opening hours of the Southampton Needle Exchange – To make it easier to dispose of injecting equipment, when recommissioning needle exchange services extend the opening hours of the Southampton Needle Exchange, to include weekend opening, and provide needle exchange services from the Cranbury Avenue Day Centre.</p>	Partial	Substance misuse recommissioning review and redesign process to ensure needle exchange services are as widely available within resources City Welfare Wardens to continue to carry needle disposal boxes, encourage the safe disposal of needles and promote needle exchange services	Colin McAllister and ICU Rosie Zambra	30/06/19 Ongoing

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4. Signpost out of hours services – To raise awareness, include the location and opening hours of the out of hours needle exchange services on the Council's website, on appropriate needle exchange forums, and request that the information is signposted on the outside of the Southampton Needle Exchange.	Yes	Review current promotion of services with providers	Colin McAllister	30/09/18
5. Public sharps bins – Following informed consideration of potential sites and designs, pilot the locations for discrete public sharps bins where drug litter is a persistent problem. Information relating to the effectiveness of the sharps bins should be analysed and the whereabouts of the pilot public sharps bins should be communicated to people who inject drugs through the needle exchange services.	Yes	Identify locations	Rosie Zambra, Colin McAllister and Charlotte Matthews	31/08/18
		Install sharps bins. Number based on need and cost.	Dave Tyrie with Colin McAllister	31/10/18
		Communicate to people who inject drugs and services	Colin McAllister	31/10/18
		Monitor effectiveness of locations and change or expand if applicable. Write business case if further resources required.	Dave Tyrie/Rosie Zambra with Colin McAllister	28/02/19 and ongoing
6. Drug consumption rooms – Undertake a robust evaluation to fully assess the potential benefits a medically-supervised pilot drug consumption room could bring to Southampton. The evaluation should include consideration of the potential impact on drug related litter, health and criminal justice outcomes, public finances and whether a facility would add	Partial	Scope and undertake 2 separate reviews of the feasibility, acceptability and cost-effectiveness of:		
		a) Injectable methadone and heroin-assisted treatment within existing services, in detail.	Charlotte Matthews with ICU	31/04/19
		b) Drug consumption room, currently illegal.	Charlotte Matthews with ICU	30/09/19

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value to current services. The provision of Heroin Assisted Treatment from a drug consumption room should also be factored into the analysis, as well as the safety and security of staff.		Review to be in outline.		
<p>7. Drug consumption rooms – Working in partnership with local authorities, representative bodies, providers and other organisations that support the position, lobby the Government for a change in legislation relating to drug consumption rooms, enabling local commissioners of drug treatment services to commission the establishment of such facilities if local need is evidenced.</p>	Yes	Work with the Association of Directors of Public Health and other partnerships	Jason Horsley	Until national law changes