

Scrutiny Inquiry Panel - Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton

Thursday, 19th October, 2017
at 6.00 pm

PLEASE NOTE TIME OF MEETING

Committee Room 1 - Civic Centre

This meeting is open to the public

Members

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PUBLIC INFORMATION

Role of Scrutiny Panel Inquiry – Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton

The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee have instructed the Scrutiny Panel to undertake an inquiry into Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton.

Purpose: To identify opportunities to reduce the incidence of drug related litter in Southampton.

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- Southampton has strong and sustainable economic growth
- Children and young people get a good start in life
- People in Southampton live safe, healthy, independent lives
- Southampton is an attractive modern City, where people are proud to live and work

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Dates of Meetings: Municipal Year

2017	2018
19 October	18 January
23 November	8 March

CONDUCT OF MEETING

TERMS OF REFERENCE

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BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED

Only those items listed on the attached agenda may be considered at this meeting.

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- b) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which you / your spouse etc has a beneficial interest that exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

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Any body directed to charitable purposes

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- proportionality (i.e. the action must be proportionate to the desired outcome);
- due consultation and the taking of professional advice from officers;
- respect for human rights;
- a presumption in favour of openness, accountability and transparency;
- setting out what options have been considered;
- setting out reasons for the decision; and
- clarity of aims and desired outcomes.

In exercising discretion, the decision maker must:

- understand the law that regulates the decision making power and gives effect to it. The decision-maker must direct itself properly in law;
- take into account all relevant matters (those matters which the law requires the authority as a matter of legal obligation to take into account);
- leave out of account irrelevant considerations;
- act for a proper purpose, exercising its powers for the public good;
- not reach a decision which no authority acting reasonably could reach, (also known as the "rationality" or "taking leave of your senses" principle);
- comply with the rule that local government finance is to be conducted on an annual basis. Save to the extent authorised by Parliament, 'live now, pay later' and forward funding are unlawful; and
- act with procedural propriety in accordance with the rules of fairness.

AGENDA

1 APOLOGIES AND CHANGES IN PANEL MEMBERSHIP (IF ANY)

To note any changes in membership of the Panel made in accordance with Council Procedure Rule 4.3.

2 ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

To elect the Chair and Vice Chair for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

3 DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL AND PECUNIARY INTERESTS

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, and the Council's Code of Conduct, Members to disclose any personal or pecuniary interests in any matter included on the agenda for this meeting.

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4 DECLARATIONS OF SCRUTINY INTEREST

Members are invited to declare any prior participation in any decision taken by a Committee, Sub-Committee, or Panel of the Council on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

5 DECLARATION OF PARTY POLITICAL WHIP

Members are invited to declare the application of any party political whip on any matter on the agenda and being scrutinised at this meeting.

6 STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIR

7 INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE (Pages 1 - 4)

Report of the Service Director - Legal and Governance, recommending that the Panel note the inquiry terms of reference and discuss, amend and approve a final version of the outline inquiry project plan.

8 DRUG RELATED LITTER IN SOUTHAMPTON - INTRODUCTION, CONTEXT AND BACKGROUND (Pages 5 - 10)

Report of the Service Director - Legal and Governance, recommending that the Panel consider the comments made by the Cabinet Member, residents and invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.

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Agenda Item 7

DECISION-MAKER:	SCRUTINY INQUIRY PANEL		
SUBJECT:	INQUIRY TERMS OF REFERENCE		
DATE OF DECISION:	19 OCTOBER 2017		
REPORT OF:	SERVICE DIRECTOR – LEGAL AND GOVERNANCE		
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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>On 10 August 2017 the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) agreed the terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining how incidence of drug related litter can be reduced in Southampton.</p> <p>The outline project plan for the inquiry identifies themes for each meeting. This report invites the Panel to note the terms of reference and to amend and approve a final version of the outline inquiry project plan.</p>			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	That the terms of reference set out in Appendix 1 be noted.	
	(ii)	That the Panel discuss, amend and approve a final version of the attached outline inquiry project plan allowing for sufficient flexibility and the availability of suitable witnesses.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel to commence the evidence gathering process.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	There are numerous options that could be included within the attached draft terms of reference. The version attached reflects the feedback from the OSMC.		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	The OSMC agreed the outline terms of reference for a scrutiny inquiry examining how incidence of drug related litter can be reduced in Southampton on 10 August 2017.		
4.	Panel members are invited to note the terms of reference and to amend and approve a final version of the attached outline inquiry project plan. The approved plan will then provide the structure to the subsequent meetings of this review, allowing for flexibility and the availability of suitable witnesses.		
5.	The outline inquiry project plan identifies that the review will be conducted		

	over 4 meetings of the Scrutiny Inquiry Panel. It is envisaged that each of the inquiry meetings will last for approximately two hours.	
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>		
6.	Resources to support the scrutiny review will come from existing budgets.	
<u>Property/Other</u>		
7.	N/A	
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS		
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>		
8.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.	
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>		
9.	None	
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS		
10.	None	
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS		
11.	None	
KEY DECISION		No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:		None directly as a result of this report
<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
Privacy Impact Assessment		
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Other Background Documents: Equality Impact Assessment and Other Background documents available for inspection at:		
Title of Background Paper(s)		Relevant Paragraph of the Access to Information Procedure Rules / Schedule 12A allowing document to be Exempt/Confidential (if applicable)
1.	None	

Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton Terms of Reference and Inquiry Plan

1. Scrutiny Panel membership:

- a. Councillor McEwing
- b. Councillor Coombs
- c. Councillor Fitzhenry
- d. Councillor Fuller
- e. Councillor Noon
- f. Councillor Vassiliou
- g. Councillor Whitbread

2. Purpose:

To identify opportunities to reduce incidence of drug related litter in Southampton.

3. Background:

- Litter related to drug use can cover a range of materials – including syringes, foils, swabs, spoons, plastic bottles and cans.
- Drug litter presents a health risk to the public and council employees, the discovery of which can cause fear, upset and anxiety for individuals and the wider community as well as causing physical injury.
- Action has been taken in Southampton, involving a number of agencies, to reduce incidence of drug related litter.
- Since February 2016 Community Safety have been logging drug litter finds across Southampton. From April 2016 – March 2017 the total number of finds was 7,620 including 7,037 discarded needles.
- Reflecting concerns the recently approved Southampton Drugs Strategy includes, as a key outcome, '*to reduce the amount of drug related litter in the city*'.
- Alternative and innovative approaches exist to improve awareness, reduce the amount of drug litter being discarded, and to lessen the risks and impact on local communities and those employed to clean up the litter.

4. Objectives:

- a) To understand the prevalence and impact of drug related litter in Southampton.
- b) To understand the reasons for the prevalence of drug related litter.
- c) To review progress being made in Southampton to tackle drug related litter.
- d) To understand what is being done to reduce drug related litter elsewhere.
- e) To identify what additional initiatives could work in the city to reduce drug related litter.

5. Methodology:

- a) Benchmarking the current position against other cities
- b) Seek stakeholder views
- c) Undertake desktop research
- d) Identify best practice

6. Proposed Timetable:

Four meetings between October 2017 and March 2018.

7. Draft Inquiry Plan (subject to the availability of speakers)

Meeting 1: 19 October 2017

- Introduction, context and background
 - What is the current position regarding drug related litter in Southampton?
 - Number of finds / trends / comparisons
 - Worst affected areas in Southampton
 - Identification of the groups of people who are discarding the drug related litter
 - Prevalence of drug injecting in the city
 - Impact of drug related litter
- Overview of approaches employed in Southampton to reduce drug related litter
- To identify what is working well and what can be improved in Southampton in relation to approaches employed to reduce drug related litter.

To be invited:

- Cabinet Member
- Public Health / NHS Support Services / Voluntary orgs
- Representatives from City Services / Community Safety / Housing / Integrated Commissioning Unit
- Hampshire Constabulary
- Residents groups

Meeting 2: 23 November 2017

- Examples of good practice and innovation
 - Communicating / reporting
 - Co-ordination of partners
 - Design of public spaces
 - Use and placement of sharps bins
 - Raising awareness / liaising with people injecting drugs

To be invited:

- To be confirmed

Meeting 3: 18 January 2018

- Examples of good practice and innovation
 - Alternatives to public injecting

To be invited:

- To be confirmed

Meeting 4: 8th March 2018

To approve the final report of the inquiry and recommendations.

Agenda Item 8

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STATEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY			
None			
BRIEF SUMMARY			
<p>In accordance with the inquiry plan, for the opening meeting of the ‘Reducing Drug Related Litter in Southampton Inquiry’ the Panel will be considering the following issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An introduction to drug related litter in Southampton, including trends, drug use in the city, and the impact of drug related litter; • An overview of approaches employed in Southampton to reduce drug related litter; • Identification of what appears to be working well and what can be improved in Southampton in relation to approaches employed to reduce drug related litter. 			
RECOMMENDATIONS:			
	(i)	The Panel is recommended to consider the comments made by the Cabinet Member, residents and invited guests and use the information provided as evidence in the review.	
REASONS FOR REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS			
1.	To enable the Panel to compile a file of evidence in order to formulate findings and recommendations at the end of the review process.		
ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED			
2.	None		
DETAIL (Including consultation carried out)			
3.	Litter related to drug use can cover a range of materials, including syringes, foils, swabs, spoons, plastic bottles and cans. Councillor Shields, Cabinet Member with responsibility for Health and Community Safety, has been invited to outline the Executive’s position on reducing drug litter in the city and to set the inquiry within the context of the new Southampton Drugs Strategy, attached as Appendix 1.		
4.	This will be followed by feedback from residents of Southampton who have been invited to provide the Panel with an insight into the impact that drug		

	related litter has had on them and their communities.
5.	The Panel will then receive a presentation from Mitch Sanders, Service Director – Transactions & Universal Services, and Ralph Walling, Street Cleansing Manager, providing the Panel with an overview of drug litter finds in Southampton.
6.	The drug litter data will then be set within the context of the prevalence of drug injecting in the city and the number of people who are discarding drug litter. This information will be provided by Colin McAlister, Service Development Officer within the Integrated Commissioning Unit.
7.	The final presentation will seek to provide the Panel with an understanding of the approaches employed in Southampton to reduce drug related litter; what appears to be effective and where improvements can be made.
8.	Representatives from Hampshire Constabulary and the Society of St James, provider of Needle Exchange and Harm Reduction Services in Southampton, have been invited to the meeting to contribute to the presentations.
9.	The guests invited to present information at the meeting will take questions from the Panel relating to the evidence provided. Copies of any presentations will be made available to the Panel.
RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Capital/Revenue</u>	
10.	N/A
<u>Property/Other</u>	
11.	N/A
LEGAL IMPLICATIONS	
<u>Statutory power to undertake proposals in the report:</u>	
12.	The duty to undertake overview and scrutiny is set out in Part 1A Section 9 of the Local Government Act 2000.
<u>Other Legal Implications:</u>	
13.	None
RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS	
14.	None
POLICY FRAMEWORK IMPLICATIONS	
15.	None
KEY DECISION	
	No
WARDS/COMMUNITIES AFFECTED:	
	None directly as a result of this report

<u>SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION</u>		
Appendices		
1.	Southampton Drugs Strategy – 2017/2020	
Documents In Members' Rooms		
1.	None	
Equality Impact Assessment		
Do the implications/subject of the report require an Equality and Safety Impact Assessments (ESIA) to be carried out?		No
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1.	None	

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Our Vision: Southampton is a city where people work together to make individuals and communities safer and more resilient, by using an evidence based approach to reduce the harm caused by illicit drugs.

Southampton is committed to reducing the harm caused by illicit drugs. This strategy sets out how the Safe City Partnership will achieve this, in liaison with the Health and Wellbeing Board and other partners. The focus of this strategy is on illegal drugs, including psychoactive substances which are illegal to produce or supply but not illegal to possess. The (mis)use of legal or prescribed drugs is beyond the scope of this strategy.

People who use drugs can be at risk of a wide range of different health problems, including lung, liver, heart disease, blood borne viruses and mental health problems. There are strong links between drugs, antisocial behaviour, crime and disorder and the exploitation of vulnerable people. Risk factors for drug misuse in younger people include: school exclusions, not being in education, employment or training, parental drug use, domestic abuse, sexual exploitation and contact with the youth justice system. There is a strong association between homelessness and drug use and people who use drugs in public places are at increased risk of physical harm and cause community safety concerns and drug litter. Some people who beg do so in order to support drug addiction, and a small number of those who beg can act aggressively, which can be intimidating to the public.

Nationally, the number of drug related deaths is the highest ever recorded, and individuals who are not engaged with treatment services are at increased risk. Drug treatment saves an estimated £960m to the public, businesses, criminal justice system and the NHS. Whilst there has been an increase in drug related deaths locally, the increase in Southampton has matched the national trend and not been as significant as in some other comparable cities.

Savings are being made to substance misuse services across the country. This strategy sets out our approach to deliver services more efficiently while continuing to mitigate the harms associated with illicit drugs within this financial context.




The focus and challenges identified are to:

- Restrict the supply of drugs.
- Reduce the levels of violent crime and antisocial behaviour associated with drugs.
- Promote a culture where people can talk about drug-related concerns and know where to get help.
- Engage more people with substance misuse services and provide targeted treatment.
- Promote targeted treatment services for those who need help.
- Prevent those using illicit drugs for the first time and of those relapsing.

Illicit drug use in Southampton key facts and figures:

- 1 in 12 (8.4%) adults aged 16 to 59 in England and Wales took an illicit drug in 2015/16. This equates to around 17,000 people in Southampton.
- An estimated 1,649 people in Southampton use opiates and/or crack cocaine and 636 people inject drugs. Local prevalence rates are slightly higher than those estimated nationally but not significantly so.
- The number of drug-related deaths in adults in Southampton is increasing, in line with a national trend. Nationally this is partly due to heroin users growing older with underlying poor health.
- Police drug recorded offences per 1,000 population in Southampton (2.9) are higher than the average in England (2.5) but are below the average for Hampshire (3.1).
- Drug-related violence continues to be an issue in Southampton, rising by nearly 13% in 2015/16, with stabbings in areas which are associated with drug gangs and dealers.
- The risks of firearm acquisition, violence and child sexual exploitation are high due to local links to drug gangs in London.
- The amount of drug litter found has increased since February 2016, when monthly reports began. Drug litter is causing concern to local people.

Our priorities Why this is important

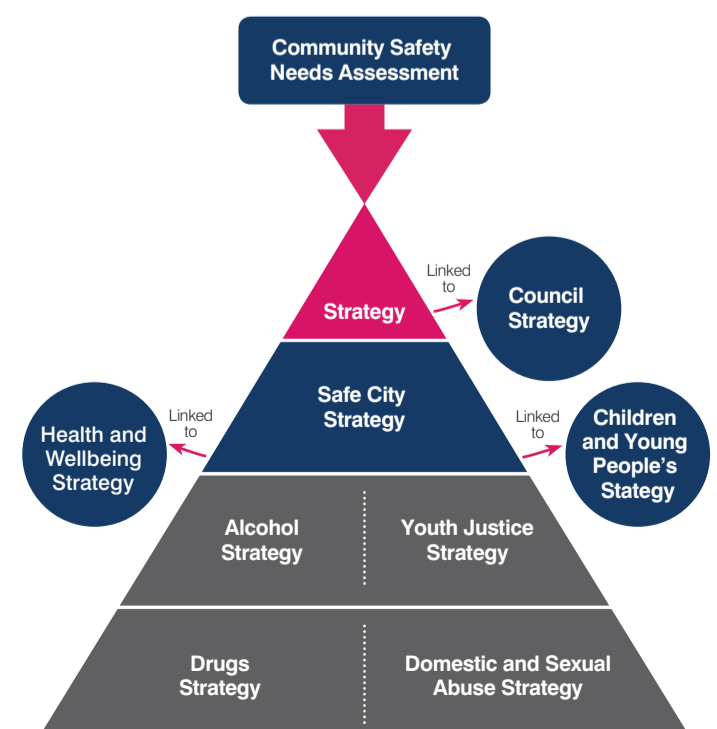
 <p>Engagement and Raising Awareness</p>	<p>We want Southampton to be a city where drug use and drug services can be openly talked about, so that people (including young people) are aware of the risks, can make informed decisions about drug use and know where to access support. This will help to avoid or minimise the risks of harm to individuals and promote informed, resilient communities.</p>
 <p>Prevention and treatment</p>	<p>Effective drug treatment services reduce the risk of drug related deaths, reduce rates of blood borne viruses and reduce offending. They are also cost effective — every £1 spent on drug treatment yields a £2.50 saving on the social costs of drug misuse.</p>
 <p>Crime disruption and antisocial behaviour</p>	<p>The effects of drugs can leave people vulnerable to becoming either a victim or perpetrator of antisocial behaviour, violence or other serious crime. Crime and antisocial behaviour can impair the quality of life for those affected and impact the wider community. Education can aid understanding and the impact of this for perpetrators, victims and witnesses.</p>

Our approach

We will deliver this strategy through even stronger partnership working. We will:

- Develop a regular partnership forum to address the current issues with drug use and harm within the city
- Strengthen our clinical governance systems and processes
- Learn from and educate each other about our different partnership organisations, to improve service integration and use a common language
- Establish effective processes for partners to analyse and share health, crime and education data to better understand drug-related violence and harms to inform local action
- Ensure all partners are competent to work with a variety of populations in ways that are sensitive to different cultures and different needs

The Southampton drugs strategy is part of a suite of strategies contributing to keeping people in Southampton safe.





Engagement and Raising Awareness

What are we already doing?

- **Local schools** have PSHE programmes which include drug related education
- **Southampton Drugs and Alcohol Recovery Services** are building a visible recovery community in Southampton
- **No Limits** is working with all participating schools to run regular 'Buzz' sessions in which drugs awareness is discussed with year 10 pupils
- **Southampton Healthy Ambition** are providing targeted education and support to those at highest risk
- **Needle exchange services** are working to minimise the harms caused by using drugs
- **Hampshire Constabulary and Southampton City Council** are educating licenced premises on safeguarding issues related to drug use
- **The Local Safeguarding Children's Board/ Local Safeguarding Adults Board** are promoting an understanding that drug misuse may be a complex, chronic, relapsing and remitting condition that requires individualised, person-centred care and support

Outcome	What are we going to do?	Lead	How we will measure success
Adults and young people in Southampton know how and where to access substance misuse services	Provide clear information regarding the availability of treatment and support services	Integrated Commissioning Unit (Southampton City Council and Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of people using drugs engaging with the needle exchange service • Level of awareness in year 10 pupils in Southampton (Buzz survey results) • Number of repeat fixed term exclusions resulting from drug misuse in schools
Adults and young people in Southampton make informed decisions about drug use	Work with education (schools forum) and businesses (SOBAC) to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote and monitor high quality drugs and resilience education for those in education and employment • Increase aspirations and opportunities for people in Southampton, enabling people to see positive alternatives to becoming involved with drugs. 	Safe City Partnership/ Southampton City Council	



Prevention and treatment

What are we already doing?

- **The Local Safeguarding Children's Board** is developing ways to identify and share concerns about young children living in an environment with parental substance misuse
- **Public Health Nursing** is working in schools to identify problematic substance misuse early
- **Southampton Public Health team** is completing a needs assessment to understand the health needs of people who use drugs in Southampton
- **MORPH** is consulting with people who use drugs to better understand their views on current drug treatment services
- **Southampton City Council (ICU)** is commissioning services to ensure that people who use drugs have access to the most appropriate care in the right place at the right time
- **Southampton Drug And Alcohol Recovery Service** is balancing the aims of recovery with those of reducing harms in people who use drugs
- **The Homeless-Vulnerable Adult Support Team** is delivering the DCLG funded Rough Sleeper Initiative, ensuring that people who are homeless or at risk of returning to homelessness have access to substance misuse and mental health services
- **Southern Health Foundation Trust** is supporting work to improve access to simultaneous substance misuse and mental health services

Outcome	What are we going to do?	Lead	How we will measure success
Services in Southampton respond to the differing needs of individuals	Use the drugs needs assessment, survey and annual drug related deaths reports to commission safe and effective drug treatment services that meet the needs of the local population Ensure that people from different groups have equal access to services and that people with dual diagnosis are able to access the right care at the right time Work within available resources to ensure that people who use drugs have access to independent advocacy services when needed	Integrated Commissioning Unit (Southampton City Council and Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group) Southampton Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services Southampton Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proportion of people using drugs in Southampton who are accessing drug treatment services • Number of people successfully completing drug treatment • Drug related deaths (Public Health Outcomes Framework) • Uptake of hepatitis B vaccinations amongst those at risk
Effective treatment and wide ranging support is available for people who use drugs, enabling them to achieve a good quality of life	Continue to work with stakeholders to improve engagement and interventions for those with concurrent problems e.g. related to mental health, housing, employment and/or education Learn from the DCLG funded Rough Sleeper Initiative and commissioning in other areas to inform future practice Promote coordination of different organisations providing peer support training within the city Ensure that service user groups remain available and are able to intervene and influence services	Integrated Commissioning Unit (Southampton City Council and Southampton Clinical Commissioning Group)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local blood borne virus incidence amongst people who inject drugs

What are we already doing?

- **Hampshire Constabulary** is delivering operations to safeguard vulnerable persons and addresses and to carry out enforcement activities for known dealers and locations
- **Hampshire Constabulary & Local Housing Offices** are working closely together to identify vulnerability and enforcement opportunities
- **The Street begging working group** is working to reduce street begging through education and enforcement
- **Hampshire Constabulary** is improving information sharing to build a better evidence base to target resources
- **Probation/ Crown Prosecution Service/ Youth Offending Service** and drug treatment services are supporting people in who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System as a result of their drug use in a timely way
- **The Southampton City Council Community Safety Team** is mapping data from street cleansing services and reporting drug litter finds to relevant organisations in the city

Outcome	What are we going to do?	Lead	How we will measure success
Reduce repeat targeting of vulnerable individuals/ locations	Ensure that court services understand the community impact in order to apply the law effectively Work in partnership to identify vulnerable persons "cuckooed" and to safeguard them from further exploitation Promote police referrals for vulnerable people under Operation Fortify Review the whole systems approach to a partnership approach to organised crime groups to ensure that these are as effective and streamlined as possible	Crown Prosecution Service Hampshire Constabulary Safe City Partnership/ Home Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feelings of safety in the local area (Safe City Survey) • All crime affected by drugs, per 1,000 population • Violent crime affected by drugs, per 1,000 population • Number of needles collected • Number of targeted operations
Restrict supply so Southampton has reduced levels of violence and drug related harm	Rationalise/ combine groups and meetings to see whole picture joined up approach to target resources Run targeted and intelligence led multiagency operations to tackle drug related violence and knife crime through operations such as Op Heavy (Drug Related Violence), Op Sceptre (Knife), Op Fortify (DRH) and Op Fluorescent (Aggressive Street Begging)	Safe City Partnership Hampshire Constabulary	
Reduce the amount of drugs related litter and antisocial behaviour in the city	Consider providing alternatives to public injecting and methods of reducing drug related litter	Southampton City Council	



Crime disruption and antisocial behaviour