

Southampton - Alcohol Strategy “Safe” theme – Action Plan.

This action plan is written in support of the agreed actions already published within the Strategy and is led by Hampshire police. Many of the actions listed under the Safe theme already have clear processes in place which I have identified in this plan, whilst also looking to maximise diversionary activities for offenders and support victim.

Desired Outcome

- Reduce levels of alcohol related ASB
- Reduce levels of alcohol related violence and abuse
- Support is available for people in Southampton who come into contact with the Criminal Justice System as a result of their drinking

What we are going to do / what we are doing.

1. Promote and encourage collaboration between those involved in the sale of alcohol and management of the night time economy in the city to ensure that people can enjoy a safe night out without fear of becoming a victim of alcohol related crime or disorder.

Southampton Police

- Southampton Police will continue to resource night time economy patrols according to the anticipated demand for each weekend. Deployment of additional police officers / Special Constables as required for seasonal events etc.
- Southampton Police Licencing Team will continue to monitor night time economy related incidents and take suitable enforcement action when venues fail to address areas of concern.

- Crime Prevention and Reduction - Tactical Plan for NTE to reduce sexual offending 2017 – Poster Campaign.

Partner agencies and volunteers

- Hampshire Police neighbourhood teams (NPT's) will maintain close links with Street Pastors and the ICE Bus facility working with them to make sure there is an effective method of sharing information, to make best use of their resources.
 - The Night Time Economy Steering Group will meet quarterly providing relevant updates and a review of the previous quarter and plan for the forthcoming quarter to allow for effective deployment of resources.
 - Taxi Marshalls continue to be a vital resource in maintaining public order at taxi ranks. An effective information sharing agreement to be explored to better understand where their problematic customers have been drinking. This debrief process will enable police to identify problem premises. **ACTION to identify information sharing opportunities.**
 - City Watch CCTV operators and door staff to make best use of licencing link radios which provides opportunities to capture good CCTV evidence and bring offenders to justice. **ACTION – “Night time Economy Steering Group”**
 - The Southampton Licencing Action Group (LAG) to meet once a month to ensure a joined up approach to resolving issues with problem premises.
 - Licencing Link meetings – This is a pub watch meeting for the city centre. Currently around 50 members mostly within the city centre.
 - The local NPT already have good links with Southampton's Universities. Police, SCC and Universities work together to provide education and alcohol enforcement. **ACTION – who is current SPOC?**
2. Trading standards and Licencing to work with partners to disrupt the supply of high strength beers and ciders to vulnerable and street drinkers below the price of (duty+VAT) by active and robust enforcement of licence conditions.
- “Reducing the strength campaign” is being introduced in Southampton. This Government initiative encourages off licences to voluntarily remove cheap and super strength alcohol from their shelves. This scheme is supported by Southampton's local policing teams. **ACTION to be further promoted with NPT's.**
 - Southampton City Council Trading Standards will take the lead in enforcing the mandatory condition on premises licences which bans the sale of alcohol below duty +VAT. (Lead is Lucas Marshall)

- Southampton Police to gather and disseminate any intelligence when engaging with street drinkers. **ACTION message to be sent out to NPT Sgts to maximise opportunities to gather intelligence.**
- As per “vibrant” strand. Through the LAG process problem premises and areas will be identified and single agency or joint operations with relevant agencies arranged.
- Test Purchasing Operations will continue to take place across the city to target and disrupt premises flouting their responsibility for the responsible sale of alcohol.

3. Work with partners through the Multi-Agency Domestic and Sexual Violence Group to address levels of violence and abuse related to alcohol.

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4. Work with stakeholders to ensure that there are clear pathways between domestic and sexual abuse services and alcohol services, and staff are able to identify those at risk, deliver advice and refer people for further support.

The below Links are the current guidance to Professionals when making referral's for High & Medium Risk Domestic Abuse cases.



DVA PATHWAYS.pdf



GUIDEANCE FOR
PROFESSIONALS.pdf



HRDA GUIDANCE
FOR PROFESSIONAL

Support for victims

HRDA Process - All high Risk cases are referred to HRDA (High Risk Domestic Abuse) for review and allocation to an IDVA (Independent domestic abuse advocate) where appropriate is allocated.

Pippa offers a range of professional training courses, information and educational material. It also hosts the first single point of contact for professionals and victims offering advice and information to workers on cases to help improve client safety as well as referrals/signposting for ongoing specialist support, advice and counselling services.

Stakeholders

Stoneham Housing – Womens Refuges

Probation – 02381 244440

Womens Aid – 02380 248116

IDVAs

Aura New Dawn – 02392 479254

Yellow Door – 02380 636312

Victim Support

New Road (CGL) - 02380717171

New Limits

College Keep

Society of St James

Suzy Lamplugh Trust

National Centre for Domestic Violence

Diversionary Opportunities for Offenders

Op CARA – This is a domestic abuse initiative which diverts offenders of domestic abuse (that meet certain criteria) into a program consisting of two sessions which is proven to have reduced re-offending. **ACTION not currently available for non-English speakers**

Hampton Trust - <https://www.hamptontrust.org.uk/our-programmes/isva/>. Hampton Trust work with offenders of Domestic Abuse.

Respect - <http://respect.uk.net/information-support/domestic-violence-perpetrators/>. Respect work with offenders of Domestic Abuse.

Hampshire Liaison Diversion Service (HDLS) operate within Hampshire Constabulary Custody Centres. They are available for information sharing and can facilitate routes into relevant services for offenders, including Alcohol Services. **ACTION – Promote their use for offenders who do not come into custody and throughout the Criminal Justice Process**

Fixed Penalty Notices for Disorder have the option for offenders to attend diversionary courses rather than simply pay a fine. **ACTION – Is this used? Are officers clearly highlighting this as an option?**

Conditional Cautions and Community Resolutions – **ACTION - Are officers considering diversionary course when related to alcohol.**

5. Establish effective processes for partners to analyse and share health and crime data to better understand alcohol related violence and to inform local action.
 - Being looked at under “Healthy” theme.
6. Increase collaboration between Probation Services and alcohol support services to make best use of Alcohol Treatment Requirements (ATR) and ensure that those who need support to reduce their drinking are able to access services in a timely way.

- Hampshire & IOW Community Rehabilitation Company (Southampton Probation) continue to work with CGL (Change, Grow, live) to deliver ATR's. The processes for ensuring the early implementation and delivery of this service has recently been changed with promising results.
- For offenders that do not meet the criteria for ATR's but who are identified as having a drink related problem CRC have good established links with the Society of St James who deliver treatment programs.
- Officers have the option to request ATR's to be considered at Court when completing case papers which is currently being underutilised. **ACTION – Advocate the use of ATRs for relevant cases.**