

Northamptonshire Drugs and Alcohol Services

Executive Advisory Panel Drugs and Alcohol Information Pack



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- The strategy seeks to cut off the supply of drugs by criminal gangs and give people with a drug addiction a route to a productive and drug-free life.
- The aim is to reduce drug related crime, death, harm and overall drug use.
- The strategy recognises the importance of a system wide approach and strong partnerships in tackling substance misuse at national and local levels.
- Guidance requires agencies to work across the system to identify local priorities, based on the findings of a local needs assessment.

Strategic priorities

The strategy has a key focus on the delivery against 3 strategic priorities, these are:

- Break drug supply chains
 - Make the UK a significantly harder place for organised crime groups to operate, addressing all stages of the supply chain, reducing the associated violence and exploitation, and protecting prisons.
- Deliver a world class treatment and recovery system
 - The focus is to treat addiction as a chronic health condition, breaking down stigma, saving lives, and substantially breaking the cycle of crime that addiction can drive.
- Achieve a generational shift in demand in drugs
 - Changing attitudes in society around the perceived acceptability of illegal drug use.

Six overarching outcomes

National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework Our ambition: a safer, healthier and more productive society by combating illicit drugs	
What we will deliver for citizens (strategic outcomes)	Measured by:
 Reducing drug use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proportion of the population reporting drug use in the last year (reported by age) prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use
 Reducing drug-related crime	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of drug-related homicides the number of neighbourhood crimes
 Reducing drug-related deaths and harm	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> deaths related to drug misuse hospital admissions for drug poisoning and drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders (primary diagnosis of selected drugs)
What will help us deliver this (intermediate outcomes)	Measured by:
 Reducing drug supply	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the number of county lines closed the number of moderate and major disruptions against organised criminals
 Increasing engagement in drug treatment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the numbers in treatment (both adults and young people, reported by opiate and crack users, other drugs, and alcohol) continuity of care – engagement with treatment within three weeks of leaving prison
 Improving drug recovery outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> the proportion who are in stable accommodation and who have completed treatment, are drug-free in treatment, or have sustained reduction in drug use <p>Key additional components integral to recovery include housing, mental health, and employment</p>



Northamptonshire Combating Drugs Partnership



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In July 2022, the Joint Combating Drugs Unit published guidance for local drug strategy partnerships, including the national outcomes framework (six overarching outcomes).

Successful delivery of the government's drugs strategy, 'From harm to hope', relies on co-ordinated action across a range of local partners including in enforcement, treatment, recovery and prevention.

The guidance sits alongside the Drugs Strategy to outline the structures and processes through which local partners in England should work together to reduce drug-related harm.

The guidance sets out in more detail the drugs strategy vision for Combating Drugs Partnerships in each locality that span the whole of the strategy; breaking supply, treatment and recovery, and reducing the demand for drugs (Please see attached CDP guidance document).

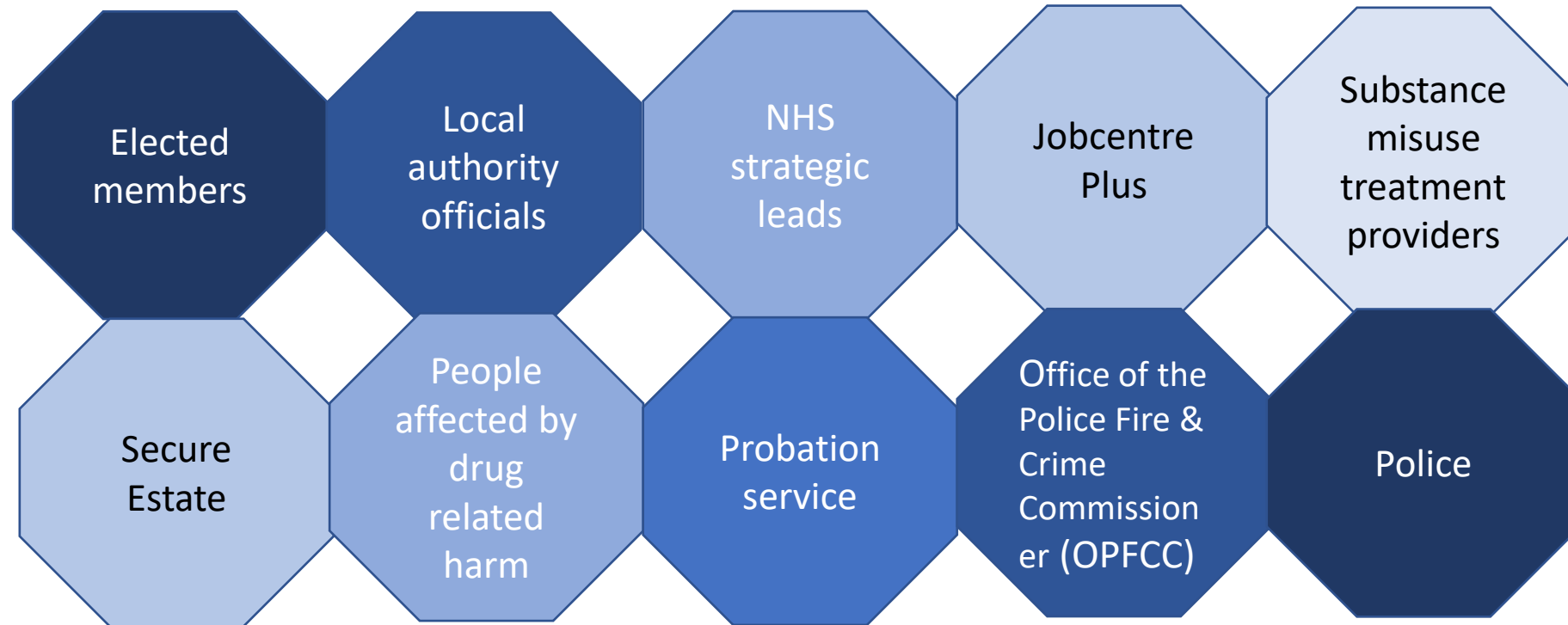
Northamptonshire CDP Structure and Governance

The Combating Drugs Partnership Board (CDP) is led by Public Health and is organised to provide good governance and co-ordinated delivery.

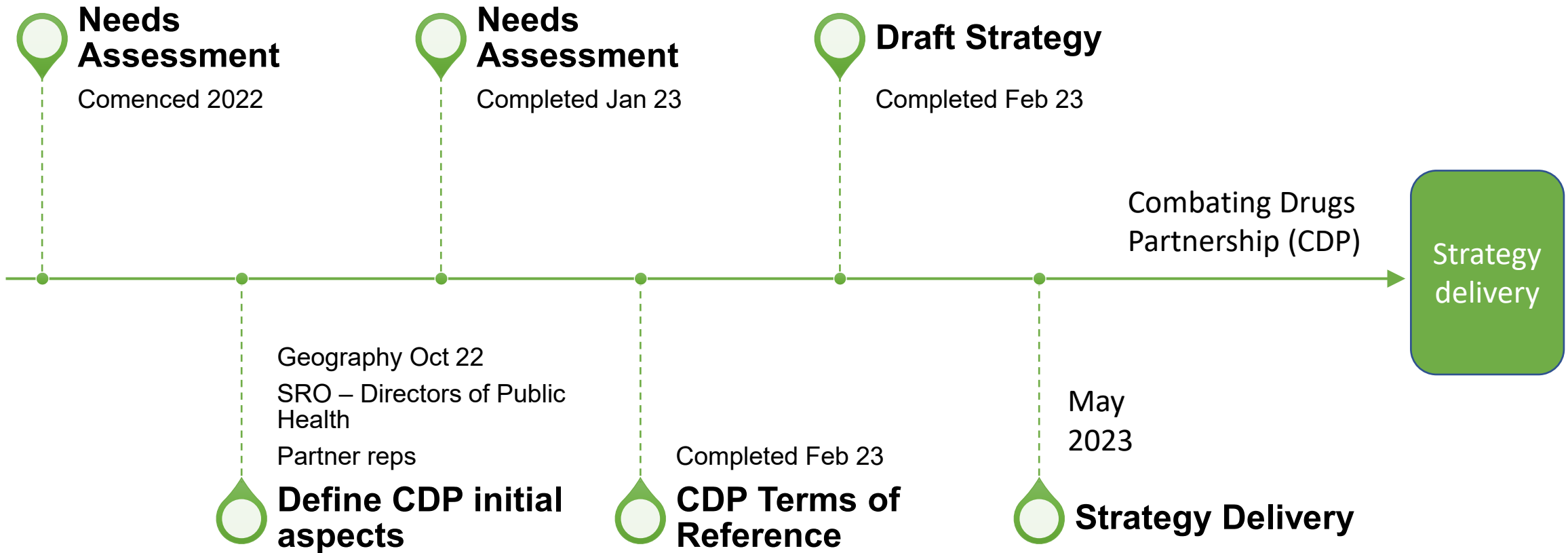
The Partnership is responsible for delivery of the national strategy and is accountable to central government. Members of the Partnership will provide the link with other local Boards and Partnerships, informing and co-ordinating work programmes as required.

- Health and Wellbeing Boards (North and West)
- Integrated Care Partnerships (North and West)
- Community Safety Partnerships (North and West)
- Northamptonshire Safeguarding Adults Board
- Northamptonshire Children's Safeguarding Board
- Reducing Reoffending Board
- Community Sentencing Treatment Requirement Board

Core membership of Northamptonshire CPD



CDP Timeline



Joint Local Needs Assessment (Refresh every three years)

A Joint Health Needs Assessment (HNA) has been completed. This included:

- A review of local drug data and involving all relevant partners
- Establishing a baseline on local need
- Activity and performance highlighting any trends
- Drawing on other existing work

Please see attached HNA and recommendations.

Northamptonshire Combating Drug Partnership Strategy

2023/24

The strategic plan has been developed in collaboration with partners who recognise the current challenges across Northamptonshire. It seeks to deliver the six overarching strategic outcomes set out in the national drug strategy.

The structure of the plan reflects the priorities of the national strategy with four strategic themes:

1. Breaking drug supply chains
2. Delivering a world class treatment and recovery system
3. Achieving a generational shift in demand in drugs
4. Cross-cutting enablers

Please attached Northamptonshire CDP draft strategy 2023/24

Next Steps for the Combating Drugs Partnership

Finalise CDP
Governance

Operationalise
strategy delivery
subgroups

Ensure appropriate
accountable
executive, leader
roles and delivery
structure in place

Terms of Reference
prepared for each
subgroup and
interdependancies

Assess maturity and
effectiveness of each
subgroup

Review strategy
delivery plan against
the CDP goals and
objectives

Assess delivery
approach

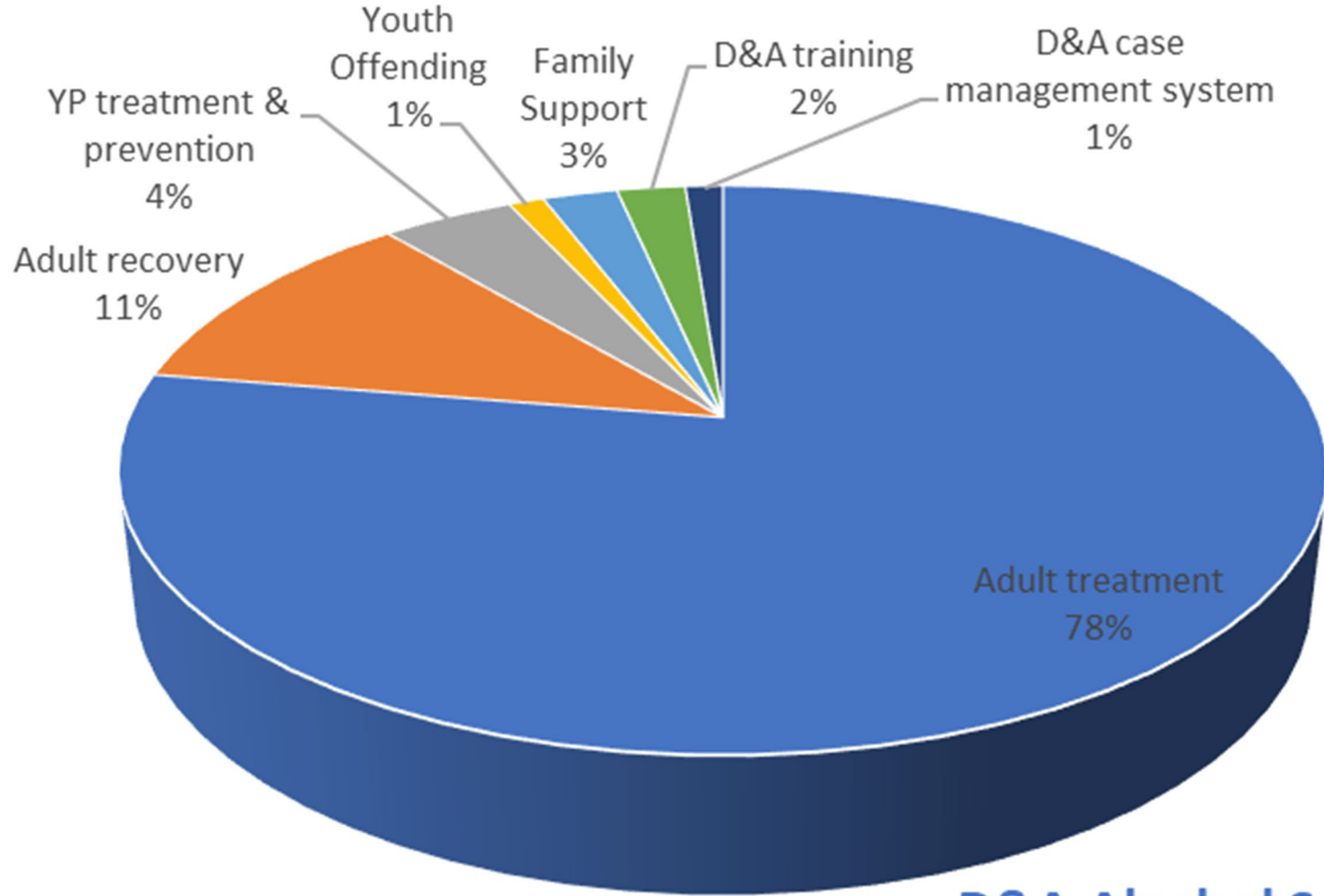
Baseline data in
place to monitor
benefits of activity
and interventions



**Northamptonshire
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Commissioned Services**

North and West Northamptonshire Councils commission the following drug and alcohol services. These services are currently hosted by WNC on behalf of NNC.

Service	Supplier	Expiry	Annual Costs £	Procurement Comments
Adult structured treatment	CGL	To March 2024 (with option to extend 2026)	5,492,000	Executive approval will be required to extend the contract. A waiver will be required for the additional spend for 2 years
Adult recovery & Phase housing programme	Bridge	To March 2026	800,000	Executive approval will be required to extend the contract. A waiver will be required for the additional spend for 2 years
Young person's treatment and prevention service	Aquarius	To March 2024 (with option to extend 2026)	300,000	Executive approval will be required to extend the contract. A waiver will be required for the additional spend for 2 years
D&A support to YP who have offended	Northants Children's Trust	SLA Annual Review	80,000	Service Level Agreement (SLA) updated annually.
D&A Family Support	Family Support Link	To March 2024	169,000	This was recommissioned for one year to align with other contracts – no extension option so will need to be re-commissioned. The need to re-procure: Family Support Services, Training and Data Management System via an Invitation to Tender (ITT)
D&A training (workforce)	Aquarius	To March 2024	155,000	This was recommissioned for one year to align with other contracts – no extension option so will need to be re-commissioned. The need to re-procure: Family Support Services, Training and Data Management System via an Invitation to Tender (ITT)
D&A case management and NDTMS package	Illy Systems	March 2024	85,000	A waiver was agreed to align with other contracts March 2023, so no option to extend will need to be re-commissioned. The need to re-procure: Family Support Services, Training and Data Management System via an Invitation to Tender (ITT)



D&A Alcohol Spend £7.081m

Treatment and Recovery Service Model

Contract	Provider	Service Delivery
Adult Treatment Service	Substance 2 Solution by Change Grow Live (CGL)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Single point of access to all drug and alcohol support and triage assessment • Structured psychosocial intervention (including CBT, counselling and therapy) • Specialist Community Prescribing service (including for opioid substitution therapy) • Inpatient detoxification and residential rehabilitation • Close collaboration with criminal justice system: courts, prisons and probation • Harm reduction (including needle exchange and naloxone provision)
Young People's Treatment Service	NGAGE (Aquarius)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Structured Treatment Service - offering psychosocial interventions • Comprehensive range of engagement, diversion and education activities • Co-ordination with partners, importantly - transitions to the adult services and co-ordination with Family Link service
Recovery Service	The Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peer-led recovery support service based in Northampton, Wellingborough and Corby. • PHASE Housing (delivered in partnership with a housing association) to provide suitable accommodation for recovery

Contract	Provider	Service Delivery
Family Support Service	Family Support Link	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support, counselling, education and early intervention for families affected by a member’s drug or alcohol use • Development of peer mentors as well as volunteer-led support groups
Drugs and Alcohol Training	Aquarius Healthy Futures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free training for front line staff, carers or professionals to cover alcohol and drug use awareness as well as specific training on brief interventions for key target staff groups
Case management system	Illy Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case Management delivery and maintenance
Drug and Alcohol treatment in the Youth Offending Service (YOS)	Children's Trust - Youth Offending Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Free training for front line staff, carers or professionals to cover alcohol and drug use awareness as well as specific training on brief interventions for key target staff groups

Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG)

NNC and WNC, combined, have received a Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG) to provide enhanced delivery of treatment and recovery systems for the three years, 2022-2025.

The purpose of this grant is to encourage more people to enter treatment, also to improve continuity and quality of care in order that more people remain in treatment, and successfully complete treatment, with good outcomes. As well as an improvement in health outcomes and reduction in deaths, this grant also seeks to reduce crime harms and lower costs to the criminal justice system.

Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG)

OHID Grant (NNC Portion)	22/23 £	23/24 £	24/25 £
Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery Grant (SSMTRG)	363,181	663,700	1,089,920
SSMTRG Housing Support Grant	99,876	290,026	290,026

The Office for Health Inequalities and Disparities (OHID) has set out the priorities that the SSMTRG grant is to be used to support:

- Improved system coordination and commissioning
- Enhanced harm reduction provision
- Increased treatment capacity
- Increased integration and improved care pathways between the criminal justice settings, and drug treatment
- Enhancing treatment quality
- Residential rehabilitation and inpatient detoxification
- Better and more integrated responses to physical and mental health issues
- Enhanced recovery support
- Other interventions which meet the aims and targets set in the drug strategy
- Expanding the competency and size of the workforce

Resources for further information:

[Independent review of drugs](#) by Professor Dame Carol Black – part 1 focuses on the ways in which drugs are fuelling serious violence and part 2 covers treatment, recovery and prevention

[Helping to support and transform the lives of people affected by drug and alcohol problems](#) – LGA (2018) – case studies showing how local authorities are supporting people with drug and alcohol problems

[Alcohol and drug misuse and treatment statistics](#) – PHE – statistics to support improvements in decision making when planning alcohol and drug misuse treatment services

[Statistics on alcohol](#) – NHS Digital – an annual report on a range of information relating to alcohol use and misuse drawn from a variety of sources for England

[Statistics on drug misuse](#) – NHS Digital – information on hospital admissions attributable to drugs