



**National Drugs Strategy - Local Delivery Plan for Sefton  
2022-2025**

## **1. Introduction**

### **1.1 Background – National Context**

The UK Government's 10 year drugs plan: From Harm to Hope for England and Wales was published in December 2021 and outlines the main priorities, for the next decade:

- Partnership & Accountability
- Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system
- Break drug supply chains
- Achieve a shift in demand for recreational drugs.

The new plan combines greater investment in treatment programmes, both in the health service and the prison service, alongside the tackling of drug supply.

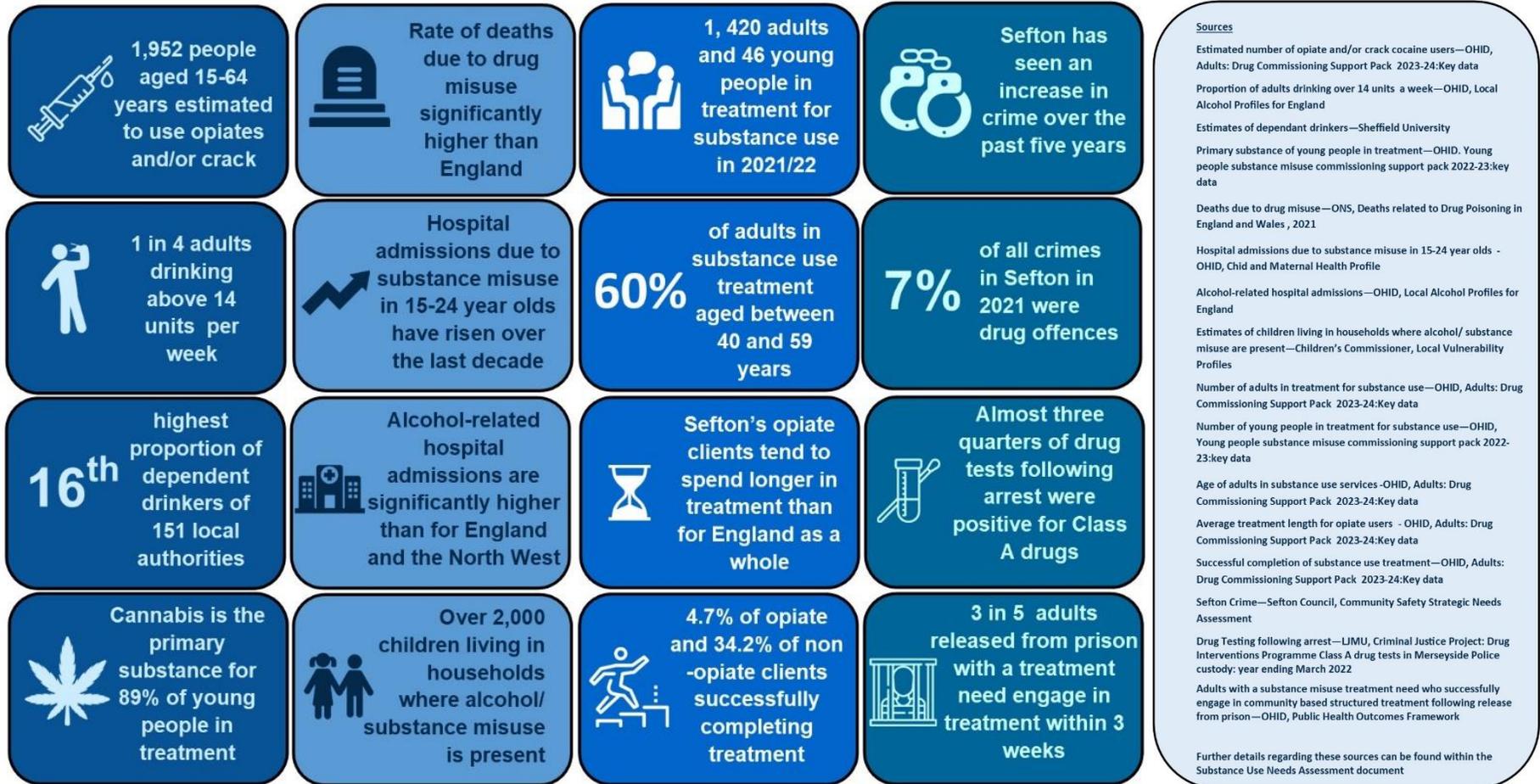
### **1.2 Partnership – Combating Drugs Partnerships**

As a response to the publication of the 10 year National Drugs Plan the Home Office have issued local guidance which provides a framework for how local delivery partners can work together to address the priorities above. A National Joint Combating Drugs Unit has been established to oversee implementation of the plan, Supplemental Substance Misuse Treatment and Recovery (SSMTR) Grant investments and the formation of local Combating Drugs Partnerships.

The Sefton Combating Drugs Partnership will be responsible for the development and monitoring of a local delivery plan focused on delivering the national drugs plan priorities. This multi-agency partnership will be accountable to the Health & Wellbeing Board and report to the Safer Sefton Partnership and the Merseyside Police and Crime Commissioner.

## 2. Drugs Plan for Sefton

### 2.1 Substance Use in Sefton – Overview & Key Facts



**Sources**

Estimated number of opiate and/or crack cocaine users—OHID, Adults: Drug Commissioning Support Pack 2023-24:Key data

Proportion of adults drinking over 14 units a week—OHID, Local Alcohol Profiles for England

Estimates of dependant drinkers—Sheffield University

Primary substance of young people in treatment—OHID, Young people substance misuse commissioning support pack 2022-23:key data

Deaths due to drug misuse—ONS, Deaths related to Drug Poisoning in England and Wales, 2021

Hospital admissions due to substance misuse in 15-24 year olds - OHID, Child and Maternal Health Profile

Alcohol-related hospital admissions—OHID, Local Alcohol Profiles for England

Estimates of children living in households where alcohol/ substance misuse are present—Children's Commissioner, Local Vulnerability Profiles

Number of adults in treatment for substance use—OHID, Adults: Drug Commissioning Support Pack 2023-24:Key data

Number of young people in treatment for substance use—OHID, Young people substance misuse commissioning support pack 2022-23:key data

Age of adults in substance use services—OHID, Adults: Drug Commissioning Support Pack 2023-24:Key data

Average treatment length for opiate users - OHID, Adults: Drug Commissioning Support Pack 2023-24:Key data

Successful completion of substance use treatment—OHID, Adults: Drug Commissioning Support Pack 2023-24:Key data

Sefton Crime—Sefton Council, Community Safety Strategic Needs Assessment

Drug Testing following arrest—LIMU, Criminal Justice Project: Drug Interventions Programme Class A drug tests in Merseyside Police custody: year ending March 2022

Adults with a substance misuse treatment need who successfully engage in community based structured treatment following release from prison—OHID, Public Health Outcomes Framework

Further details regarding these sources can be found within the Substance Use Needs Assessment document

## 2.2 Measuring Success - National Framework & Local Metrics

The Sefton Combating Drugs Partnership will undertake an annual stocktake and review of the local delivery plan and partnership. All areas will be measured against a national outcomes' framework and local metrics will monitor performance via a dashboard.

What will we be measured against:

Indicator: Treatment & Prevalence	Indicator: Crime
Estimated prevalence of Opiate/Crack Cocaine Use (from National Models)	Number of drug possession offences
The number of drug & alcohol adult users in treatment (by category)	Number of drug trafficking offences
The numbers in treatment (young people)	Number of arrests for drug possession
Inpatient provision uptake	Number of arrests for drug trafficking
Residential rehab uptake	Total number of drug seizures
Admission episodes for alcohol-specific conditions (Under 18s)	Number of moderate and major drug OCG disruptions
Admission episodes for alcohol-related conditions (Narrow)	Cash seized (cash value)
Hospital admissions due to substance misuse (15-24 years)	Number of arrestees tested for drugs
Hospital admissions for drug-related mental and behavioural disorders	Total number of drug users offered an Out of Court Disposal (OCD)
Hospital admissions for drug poisoning	Number of county lines closed
People with an opiate and/or crack cocaine problem not accessing treatment (unmet need)	Number of Cuckoo disruptions
Number of dependent drinkers not accessing treatment (unmet need)	
Deaths from Drug Misuse	
Deaths in treatment Percentage of prison leavers with a continued treatment need picked up in the community within 3 weeks	

### **2.3 National Strategy - Local Delivery Plan**

The local delivery plan has been devised from Sefton Substance Use Joint Strategic Needs Assessment ( 2022), consultation with key partners and the evidence based interventions required for SSMTR Grant funding. The local plan focuses on delivery against the national strategic priorities and outcomes of:

- Reducing drug related deaths and harms
- Reducing drug related crimes
- Reducing drug use

Local actions and leads have been identified in consultation with the CDP local delivery partners.

## LOCAL DELIVERY PLAN

National Plan Priorities	Objectives (Based on – Guidance for Local Partners commitments)	Local Actions	Lead (Owner)	Progress/Comments (Narrative) (Baseline 2022/3)
Partnership & Accountability	To develop the Combating Drugs Partnership by ensuring high level representation from a range of partners to guide the delivery of the local delivery plan in line with the national drugs 10 year strategy.	Partnership to continue to review membership to ensure high level representation from all partners on the CDP.	SRO	Annual stocktake - National Guidance for Local Delivery Partners.
		Complete a Joint Strategic Needs Assessment. Continue to address gaps in intelligence as identified in JSNA	Business & Intelligence	JSNA document complete by end of 2022/23. Annually reviewed.
		Development & implementation of the national strategy - local drugs delivery plan.	Public Health	Local delivery plan completed by end 2022/23. Annually review.
		Develop a local performance framework monitoring metrics.	Business & Intelligence	Monitoring framework developed by end of 2022/23. Ongoing monitoring.
		Development of Mersey reporting for PCC office	Merseyside SRO's	Reporting in place by end of 2022/23.
		Ensure compliance with national guidance and outcome framework.	SRO	Annual review of national outcome framework.
Deliver a world class treatment & recovery system.	To develop and strengthen local commissioned services and pathways to ensure a full range of treatment/service options	Ensure Local Treatment System in place to include: Adult Community Assessment, Treatment & Recovery Service. Inpatient Medical Detox Service.	Commissioners	Evidence list of contracts and resources for services available.  Future compliance with new national commissioning standard.

	that meet local needs are available.	Res Rehabilitation Placements. Alcohol Care Team. (S&O & Aintree) Needle Exchange service. Young People & Families Substance Use Service.		
	To increase adult treatment capacity to address the fall in numbers entering treatment for both drugs and alcohol and a reduction in estimated unmet need.	<p>Increase service capacity and widen access to treatment via satellite provision and outreach and in reach.</p> <p>To develop insight and engagement work to identify barriers.</p> <p>To expand the shared care offer within primary care setting with GPs.</p> <p>To improve capacity for drug and alcohol inpatient detox.</p> <p>To improve access to Res Rehab assessment and placements.</p> <p>Improvement in identification of drug/alcohol problematic use within MH Trust inpatients and engagement in treatment.</p>	<p>CGL</p> <p>CVS</p> <p>CGL&amp;GPs</p> <p>Mersey Care</p> <p>Adult Social Care</p> <p>Mersey Care</p>	

	To increase service capacity and level of support available for Young People & Families.	Improved access and engagement for young people via outreach and in reach in key settings .	Young People & Family Substance Use Service. (CGL)	
		To provide a tailored support offer and packages for families.	Young People & Family Substance Use Service. (CGL)	
		To improve system integration and co delivery with adult service, Early Help, My Space, Health, wider young people services and family services.	Young People & Family Substance Use Service. (CGL)	
		To build knowledge and understanding of substance use across the local YP & Family system. Including Children Safeguarding Partnership training offer.	Young People & Family Substance Use Service. (CGL)	
	To provide Recovery options for substance users to enable them to achieve better outcomes.	Development of Trauma Informed culture and services.	CGL	
		To increase access to employment by developing a new individual employment/training support (IPS) offer for service users.	CGL	

	To reduce stigma which acts as a barrier to accessing services.	To increase the SU and Lived Experience voice to help address stigma, e.g. the use of language.	CGL	
		To expand Mentoring/Vol opportunities.	CGL	
	To provide access to treatment and/ accommodation support for people who are either rough sleeping or at immediate risk of rough sleeping.	To provide a programme of in reach to hostels & outreach with key agencies working with rough sleepers.	CGL/Housing	
		To improve accommodation and housing support for substance users.	CGL/Housing/commissioning	
	To provide access to services that address mental health and physical health needs.	Community Service to offer counselling /psychology input for low level mental health problems.	CGL	
		To establish a clear dual diagnosis pathway with mental health services.	CGL/Mersey Care.	
		To provide substance use assessment and brief intervention to MH inpatients.	Mersey Care Addiction Service.	
	Delivery of physical health interventions/screens e.g.			

		alcohol/liver disease (fibro scans) and COPD. Service offer HP activities e.g. flu vaccinations, BBV interventions.	CGL	
		Improved access to sexual health advice and services.	CGL/Young People's service	
	To improve the quality of service delivery by expanding capacity and strengthening the workforce.	To increase the staffing capacity and to ensure the workforce is sufficiently trained and skilled. (Benchmarking against national workforce strategy when available)	CGL	
		Continuous monitoring of caseloads. (Against Carol Black recommendation)	CGL	
	To provide Continuity of Care for people who use substances to engage in treatment after release from prison.	To increase engagement via prison exit pathways, particularly for females.	Health & Justice Co-ordinator for women./CGL	
		To increase prison In-reach to strengthen pathway from prison to community treatment service.	Merseyside Health & Justice Co-ordinator.	
	To reverse the upward trend in drug deaths.	Reviews undertaken of Drug Related Deaths and action plan in place.	LJMU/CGL	

		<p>Increase notification of non-fatal overdoses &amp; near misses to treatment provider.</p> <p>To offer peer to peer harm reduction interventions for those reluctant to engage.</p>	<p>NWAS/CGL/LJMU</p> <p>CGL</p>	
	To reduce substance use related harm,	<p>To deliver a proactive local Hep B Vaccination</p> <p>To deliver Hep C Elimination Programme.</p> <p>Access to Naloxone provision/availability expanded.</p> <p>To increase equipment and Needle Exchange/availability activity.</p> <p>To review potentially increase pharmacy provision including better prevention.</p>	<p>CGL</p> <p>CGL/Hep C Trust/MODN</p> <p>CGL</p> <p>CGL</p> <p>CGL/Pharmacy</p>	
	To reduce the alcohol related hospital admissions.	To improve alcohol pathway to prevent admissions/ readmissions via joined up working between services.	ICB – Alcohol Optimisation Group	

Priority- Breaking Drug Supplies.		To expand the High Intensity User Service via Aintree Hospital across the South of Borough.	ICB – Lead Complex Lives	
		To develop and implement alcohol interventions to address u18’s A & E hospital admissions.	Young People’s & Families Substance Use Services.(CGL)	
	To contribute to the prevention of crimes through the increases in people in drug treatment.	To increase referrals into treatment via ATRS & DTRS.	Merseyside Police Custody Suite/ CGL	
	Closing/Rolling up county lines –	To increase the number of Out of Court Disposals & VPRF and Street Referrals.  Increase in YOT referrals and engagement in substance use interventions/services.  Delivery of Operation Medusa.	Probation/Merseyside Police  YP Service Provider/YOT  Merseyside Police lead.	
To improve criminal justice pathways by increasing	Develop Community Navigators for male offenders & probation workers support Court treatment requirements as part of community sentences.	Probation/CGL		

	referrals into treatment for Sefton offenders.	Deliver & monitor the Reframe Project with Young Offenders.	YOT/Addaction	
	Working in partnership to share intelligence to identify those at risk of drug / alcohol related harm & criminal exploitation.	Deliver Operation LAMPREY – Education and support packages delivered, available locally for frontline staff.	Merseyside Police Police, community safety partnership, housing (One Vision Housing)	
	Breaking the ability of gangs to supply drugs wholesale to neighbourhood dealers.	Merseyside Policing actions,	Merseyside Police Lead	
	Improving targeting of local drug gangs and street dealing.	GANGS Programme in schools Targeting hotspots with diversionary activities with YP at risk.	Safer Sefton Partnership	
<b>Priority - Reduce the demand for Recreational drugs.</b>	To deliver school-based prevention and early intervention to reduce the chances of them using drugs.	To deliver universal drug & alcohol education in schools and in youth provision.  To deliver targeted evidence based interventions for young people cohorts identified as at risk of substance use issues.	YP Service (CGL)  YP Service CGL/Youth setting Workers.	

	<p>To deliver prevention activity to bring about a change in behaviour and attitudes to alcohol consumption and drug use to reduce potential harms.</p>	<p>Diversionary activities delivered to prevent Young People at risk taking drugs.</p> <p>To expand IBA delivery in community settings.</p> <p>Alcohol campaigns e.g. Lower My Drinking App roll out and promoted locally. FASD campaign work.</p>	<p>Safer Sefton Partnership/Police</p> <p>LWS/Primary Care</p> <p>CHAMPS/C&amp;M ICB</p>	
	<p>To provide targeted support for young people and families most at risk of substance misuse or criminal exploitation to reduce harm within families.</p>	<p>To provide local and accessible Family Intervention Programmes where substance use is an issue.</p> <p>To offer Programme for YP criminally exploited and wrap around support for the family. (ETAC)</p> <p>To provide evidence based targeted and structured interventions for Young People who use drugs.</p>	<p>Young People &amp; Families Substance Use service &amp; Adult Service(CGL)</p> <p>Child Exploitation Lead/ My Space Group.</p> <p>YP substance use service.</p>	

		<p>To provide support programmes for parents who use substances.</p> <p>To provide support for children of parents who use drugs/alcohol to address potential hidden harms.</p>	<p>CGL - YP &amp; Families SU Service and adult substance services.</p> <p>YP &amp; Families Substance Use service.</p>	
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