

DAAT Strategic Priorities

The priorities below mirror the key areas of the National Drug Strategy 2008, and incorporate key national and local drivers. Communication efforts, including public information campaigns and community engagement are expected to be inherent through all DAAT priorities, to provide reassurance to specific communities concerned, specifically regarding drug use/sales in areas which may not be reflective of “real picture” statistics.

1. Delivering New Approaches to Drug Treatment and Social Reintegration

1.1 An integrated system of holistic support is developed to ensure that individuals in treatment can develop to their full potential and be re-integrated into the community

- Improved links with Housing providers assist with packages of re-integration during and after effective treatment.
- To ensure that individuals engaged in drug treatment have access to harm reduction measures with robust links to hospital based treatment.
- To ensure that service users have access to improve skills/training to enhance employment opportunities
- To improve pathways for individuals leaving prison and engaging with community drug treatment
- To ensure that Tier 4 treatment is available and offered appropriately as a treatment option.
- To support drug misusing parents to engage with effective treatment interventions to increase positive outcomes for families.
- To ensure that provision is equitable for all diverse groups residing in Cambridgeshire.
- To encourage individuals to progress through phases of treatment towards reintegration.

1.2 A range of drug treatment options are offered that enable the individual to actively choose and participate in their recovery, progressing towards independence and being drug free.

- Local partnership to seek to ensure that all services are able to tailor packages to meet the needs of drug misusers and their families and increase the possibility of effective treatment outcomes.
- Service user engagement and participation in service planning, delivery and evaluation including the use of annual service user satisfaction surveys
- To ensure that drug services conduct thorough and effective assessments, targeted and focussed care planning and reviews.
- Workforce development training to ensure workers have the core skills/competencies and therapeutic knowledge to engage and work with service users to increase the possibility of effective treatment outcomes.
- To ensure that abstinence based interventions are available and actively promoted as part of the treatment journey where appropriate.

2. Preventing Harm to children, young people and families affected by drug misuse

2.1 Families affected by drug misuse receive effective support

- A network of carers support groups is set up across Cambridgeshire, including support for young carers
- All services consider the needs of carers within the family.
- All services consider Safeguarding as part of ongoing client assessment.
- Offer effective family interventions as part of treatment within both children’s and adult services.
- Treatment services access appropriate additional support for families affected by drug misuse
- Develop and implement a protocol between social care and substance misuse services.

3. Protecting communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug related crime and anti-social behaviour

3.1 To ensure that the Drug Intervention Programme is embedded into Integrated Offender Management

- Greater integration between DAAT and CSPs to ensure consistent delivery

- Enhancing partnership working to continue to reduce the levels of re-offending by drug users- education, employment, relationships etc.
- Effectively engaging with those offenders sentenced less than 12 months.
- Ensuring effective transition between young people and adult services for offenders who are misusing Class A drugs

3.2 To make the county more resistant to drug supply

- Know the drugs market to better understand what is going on. More emphasis in needs assessment to mapping etc. Partnership approach to understanding the local drugs market, with better use of agency data to inform activity.
- Understanding the drugs market, involving community and partners, clear & consistent messages