

LONDON DRUGS FORUM

MEETING NOTES

Wednesday 8th March 2023

10:00am – 12:00pm

Committee Room 4

City Hall, Kamal Chunchie Way, London E16 1ZE

Chairs: Sophie Linden, Deputy Mayor for Policing and Crime; Dr Tom Coffey OBE, Mayor's Senior Health Advisor

Attended: Farrah Hart (GLA Group Public Health); Kate Lloyd (MOPAC); Alison Keating (OHID); Prof Kevin Fenton (OHID); Dr Jeanelle de Gruchy (OHID); Cmdr Paul Brogden (MPS); DCS Nick Blackburn (MPS); Dr Emily Finch (SLAM); Rachael Millar (Joint Combating Drugs Unit); Jess Mullens (Collective Voice); David Eastwood (GLA Housing); Dan Greaves (LB Waltham Forest); Kilvinder Vigurs (HMPPS); Sharon Whitmore (HMPPS); Rangan Momen (London Councils); Tracy Beswick (OHID); Jo Roebuck (OHID); DSU Sean Lyons (MPS); Keith Daley (LB Towe Hamlets); Marcus Roberts (APCC); Geeta Subramaniam-Mooney (VRU); Iona Liddington (LB Kingston); Mathew Pickering (MOPAC); Josie Garrett (GLA Group Public Health); Karen Thomas (MOPAC); Mark Xerri (OHID); Rebecca Green (OHID); Peter Grime (NHS England)

Apologies: Althea Loderick (LB Southwark); Fiona Taylor (LB Barking & Dagenham), Karen Tipping (HMPPS); Melanie Jolly (HMPPS); Karina Wane-Henry (VRU); Kenny Bowie (MOPAC); Sinead Dervin (NHS England); Keith Stanger (LB Tower Hamlets); Tim Sampey (Build on Belief)

Welcome and Actions

Co-chairs welcomed partners, noted apologies and reviewed the actions from the previous meeting.

Continuity of Care

The Office for Health Improvement and Disparities' (OHID) Head of Alcohol, Drugs and Tobacco (London) presented to members on the current continuity of care position and provided an update following the recent London conference on the topic. The key challenges and recommended steps to take to meet the Government's targets were outlined, and areas where partners could provide support were identified.

Housing

Representatives from the MPS, local authorities, GLA Housing and OHID Housing spoke to partners about the various barriers in terms of housing for those exiting prison and entering into substance misuse treatment. Co-chairs agreed that the topic should be returned to future meetings to cover further challenges relating to housing.

London Drugs Problem Profile

MOPAC's Evidence & Insight Performance Lead updated members on the continuing work taking place to complete the London Drugs Problem Profile.

AOB

MPS's Head of Specialist Crime noted the funding to expand Project ADDER, and that an update would be brought forward on the operating model later in the year.