

**To:** Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Oversight Group

**On:** 27 March 2018

**Report by:**

Chief Executive, Renfrewshire Council

**TITLE:**

**Impact of Drug and Alcohol Misuse in Renfrewshire**

**1. Introduction**

- 1.1 This briefing note provides a summary of work being progressed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership in relation to the impact of alcohol and drug misuse in Renfrewshire.

**2. Summary**

- 2.1 Through the development of the Community Plan in 2017, partners identified a specific requirement to focus on the issue of drug and alcohol misuse in Renfrewshire. A proposal was submitted for consideration by the Community Planning Executive Group in early March 2018, which set out plans for a focused piece of work to be undertaken to allow partners to fully understand the impact of addiction in Renfrewshire, and to explore potential options for supporting early intervention and recovery on a partnership basis, recognising that a range of services are currently provided across Renfrewshire to support local people.

**3. Recommendations**

Members of the board are asked to note:

- a) The work being progressed by Renfrewshire Community Planning Partnership Executive Group in relation to the impact of drug and alcohol misuse in Renfrewshire.
- b) That a further update on this work will be provided to the Oversight Group in Autumn 2018.

**4. Background**

- 4.1 Through the development of the Community Plan in 2017, partners identified a specific requirement to focus on the issue of drug and alcohol misuse in Renfrewshire. Whilst a number of good quality services and supports are available locally, the strategic needs assessment highlighted specific concerns relating to alcohol related hospital admissions and drug related deaths in particular.

- 4.2 As part of wider discussion, partners noted the significant impact that drug and alcohol misuse has locally and were keen to explore potential options to work together as a partnership to improve associated life outcomes for local people. A clear link was identified to mental health and to partners working to ensure that services were in place at the right time in relation to early intervention and recovery, as well as to children's services and the correlation to adverse early childhood experience.
- 4.3 At a recent meeting of the Chief Officers Group and Member Officer Group, a presentation was provided from a statistician from NHS GGC on the level and prevalence of drug related deaths in Renfrewshire. It was noted that the number of deaths in Renfrewshire in 2016/17 had increased by 121% to 42. An event to explore the issue of drug and alcohol misuse and the supports and interactions that people with addictions have across services, was suggested as potential way forward.
- 4.4 The Community Planning Partnership Executive Group recently considered a proposal to jointly undertake a focused piece of work on these issues, co-ordinated on behalf of the Partnership by the Head of Policy and Commissioning. Early discussions have taken place in terms of linking to the Public Health Directorate in NHS GGC and also the consideration of potential examples of best practice from other areas and countries.
- 4.5 It has been agreed that the starting point for this exercise is a spotlight or deep dive session through a dedicated meeting of the Community Planning Partnership Executive Group. A more detailed proposal in relation to the proposed programme is being developed by the Head of Policy and Commissioning,

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