

CORE OFFER BUDGET FOR SUBSTANCE MISUSE

WHY DOES THE COUNCIL HAVE TO PROVIDE THIS SERVICE AND WHAT DOES IT NEED TO COVER?

Section 12 Health and Social Care Act 2012 outlines duty for all upper-tier and unitary local authorities in England to take appropriate steps to improve the health of the people who live in their areas.

Section 31 of the 2012 Act which requires local authorities to have regard to guidance from the Secretary of State when exercising their Public Health function and Section 237 of the 2012 Act which also requires local authorities to comply with National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) recommendations to fund treatments under their Public Health functions

Substance Misuse – Treatment and care (Drugs and alcohol - Adults and Young People)

Required under regulation

- Local Authorities Health improvement duties
- Contract provides an evidence-based integrated substance and alcohol misuse treatment programme for both adults and young people.
- Provides acute treatment and detoxification for substance misuse and alcohol.
- Includes needle exchange and supervised consumption

HOW DOES THE CORE OFFER BUDGET MEET THE COUNCIL'S OBLIGATIONS?

The core budget offer will continue to meet obligations around funding of treatment, detoxification and harm reduction services.

DOES THIS DIFFER FROM THE CURRENT SERVICE?

Yes, the current substance use provision is as follows:

- **Recovery and Wellbeing Substance Use Service:** Treatment provision for adults and young people with substance use issues (drugs and alcohol) requiring structured psychosocial and/or clinical intervention. Working with around 1,000 adults and young people each year, the specialist workforce is made up of clinicians, substance use/recovery workers, and trained peer mentors.
- **Homelessness and Substance Misuse Service:** Proposal to remove the contribution to a local organisation that provides homelessness support services to some of Darlington's most vulnerable people. This ensured that all provider staff were trained and carry out, screening, brief interventions and appropriate referrals to the Recovery and Wellbeing Service, for those individuals presenting with substance use issues. The service works with hundreds of substance users each year, including re-engaging around 40 of the most chaotic individuals per year who have previously dropped out of treatment. The proposal would be to

remove this contribution at the next Break Clause point in the contract on 31/03/17.

- **Drug, Alcohol and Tobacco (DAAT) Strategic Commissioning Team:** The Council currently has a specialist strategic commissioning team to lead on development and implementation of local, regional and national strategy and policy; carry out service reviews, commissioning of prevention and recovery treatment services; performance and contract monitoring; and lead on related health campaigns. The proposal is for DAAT functions to be either terminated, or absorbed into other Public Health and/or the Council's roles/departments.
- **Balance North East Alcohol Office:** It is also proposed that DBC terminates its' contribution to the Balance North East Alcohol Office. This will restrict participation in health and awareness prevention campaigns and require an alternative source to be identified for provision of local, regional and national performance information and policy updates.

WHAT IS THE CORE BUDGET MADE UP OF?

From 2019-20, the core budget will be:

Recovery & Wellbeing Substance Use Service	£1,209,375
Overheads	£75,790
TOTAL	£1,285,165