

Action Plan

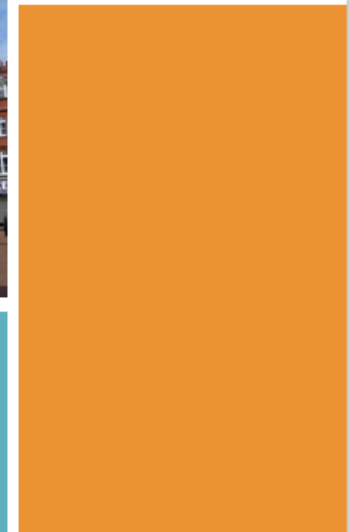
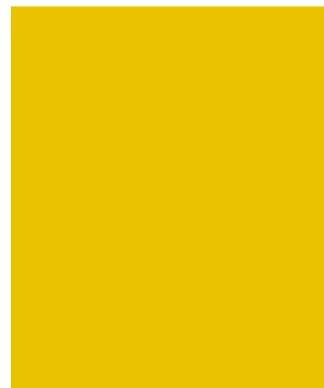
Buckinghamshire Drugs and Alcohol Strategy 2023-2028

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Buckinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust
Here4YOUth (Cranstoun)
Jobcentre Plus
One Recovery Bucks
Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust
Police and Crime Commissioner's Office
Probation Delivery Unit
Thames Valley Police
Violence Reduction Unit

Please note:

- Action years relate to calendar years:
Year 1 = 2023, Year 2 = 2024, Year 3 = 2025, Year 4 = 2026, Year 5 = 2027
- Roles rather than named individuals are listed for services due to go through a recommissioning process in future years of this Strategy



Priority 1: Prevention

| Action | Lead Agency(s) | Lead Officer | Due |
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| We want fewer young people to start taking drugs Metric: proportion of young adults reporting drug use in the last year [awaited in the new National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework] Outcome ambition: to be baselined once National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework has been published | | | |
| Provide schools with resources on the risks and harms associated with drugs and alcohol | Public Health | Liz Biggs | Year 1 |
| Target early help offers to schools in alignment with the Opportunity Bucks programme | Int. Commissioning Young people drug treatment provider | Adam Johnson Sabrina Miller-Cummings | Year 1 |
| We want better awareness of the risks of drinking alcohol Metric: proportion of adults drinking more than 14 units of alcohol per week [Health Survey for England] Current position: 25.1% in 2015-2018 Outcome ambition: to keep at or below 25% by the end of year 5 [in the face of rising consumption and harms nationally over the pandemic] | | | |
| Develop a multi-agency communications strategy | Communications | Morwenna Bargrove | Year 1 |
| We want support given early Metric: number of adults using the new Healthy Lifestyle Service for alcohol due to commence in April 2023 [local data provided by Integrated Commissioning] Key performance indicator target: 1,700 adults accessing the service for alcohol needs per year by end of year 3 | | | |
| Roll out training in MECC and IBA training to a wider workforce, including Jobcentres | Public Health | Liz Biggs | Year 2 |
| Commission enhanced tier one alcohol support in the Healthy Lifestyle Service | Int. Commissioning | Adam Johnson | Year 1 |
| We want less drugs available on the streets of Buckinghamshire Metric: number of moderate and major disruptions against organised criminals [awaited in the new National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework] Outcome ambition: to be baselined once National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework has been published | | | |
| Prioritise alcohol licensing applications for input from the public health team | Licensing Public Health | Simon Gallacher | Year 3 |
| Collate intelligence on discarded nitrous oxide cannisters to inform test purchasing | Trading Standards Community Safety | Amanda Poole | Year 2 |
| Increase the prevention of illegal sales of underage alcohol and psychoactive substances via more test purchasing and enforcement | Trading Standards | Amanda Poole | Year 2 |

Priority 2: Addressing risk factors and additional support needs

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| We want fewer children being exposed to drugs and alcohol Metric: proportion of children in need assessments including adult drug misuse or alcohol misuse [National Drug Treatment Monitoring System] Current position: 25% (drugs) and 24% (alcohol) in 2020/21 This metric is not suitable for a target due to the risk of under recording but will be monitored to provide ongoing context to our work | | | |
| Promote the active use of the Family and Carers Service | Adult drug treatment provider | Tracy Braddock | Year 1 |
| Increase support for children at risk of exploitation through an additional youth worker | Youth Offending Service Missing & Exploitation Hub | Oliver Foxell | Year 1 |
| Support school leaders to ensure their staff can recognise the signs of county lines and child criminal exploitation and know how to report their concerns | Education | Gareth Drawmer | Year 2 |
| Improve early identification and support for people at risk of exploitation through staff training and better use of risk and vulnerability markers on the police computer system | Thames Valley Police | John Braddy | Year 3 |
| We want fewer people living on the streets Metric: proportion of prison leavers spending their first night in accommodation – project commencing in January 2023 [local data provided by Probation] Key performance indicator target: 90% by end of year 2 | | | |
| Increase the number of sentenced people housed on release from prison | Probation | Jas Pejatta | Year 1 |
| Prevent and reduce rough sleeping through enhanced outreach and specialist support plus increased accommodation options | Housing | Michael Veryard | Year 2 |
| We want improved support for military veterans Metric: number of primary care patients known to be a military veteran [local data provided by the ICB] Current position: 1,282 veterans recorded in Buckinghamshire primary care in March 2023. 15,128 veterans identified in Buckinghamshire in the 2021 Census. Key performance indicator target: 5,000 veterans recorded in Buckinghamshire primary care by the end of year 5 | | | |
| Develop processes to record whether patients are a military veteran | BOB Integrated Care Board Buck. Healthcare Trust Oxford Health | Simon Kearey Duncan Dewhurst Sarah Hill | Year 2 |
| We want more mental health support for people who use drugs or alcohol Metric: proportion of drugs and alcohol clients identified as needing mental health treatment receiving it from health services [National Drug Treatment Monitoring System] Current position: 79% in 2020/21 Key performance indicator target: 90% by the end of year 5 | | | |
| Embed a culture of joint working between the adult drugs and alcohol service provider and the community mental health service provider | Adult drug treatment provider Oxford Health | Mark Prescott Sarah Hill | Year 1 |
| Strengthen mental health support for prison leavers through the 'Reconnect' project | Probation | Jas Pejatta | Year 1 |
| Increase the number accessing tier four drugs and alcohol treatment towards the national target by identifying needs and preparing appropriate clients earlier | Int. Commissioning Adult drug treatment provider | Adam Johnson Service manager | Year 3 |

Priority 3: Reducing harms and promoting safety

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| We want fewer people admitted to hospital for alcohol Metric: rate of hospital admissions for alcohol-related injuries [Fingertips Local Alcohol Profile] Current position: 45 per 100,000 in 2020/21 Outcome ambition: to keep at or below 45 per 100,000 population by the end of year 5 [in the face of rising consumption and harms nationally over the pandemic] | | | |
| Evaluate the success of the Blue Light project | Public Health | Liz Biggs | Year 3 |
| We want fewer deaths caused by taking drugs Metric: 3-year pooled rate of drug misuse deaths [Office for National Statistics] Current position: 3.1 per 100,000 in 2019-2021 Outcome ambition: 2.6 per 100,000 published by the end of year 5 [the level seen 5 years previously in 2014-2016] | | | |
| Conduct a Buckinghamshire drug-related deaths audit of deaths occurring during the COVID-19 pandemic | Public Health | Sarah Winchester | Year 1 |
| Establish a Local Drug Information System (LDIS) | Public Health | Liz Biggs | Year 1 |
| With partners, review the opportunities to reduce the number of patients dependent on prescription medication | Int. Commissioning Public Health | Sarah Winchester | Year 3 |
| We want a fall in blood-borne viruses among injecting drug users Metric: proportion of injecting drug users tested for hepatitis C in last year [Hep C U Later Programme] Current position: 66% in August 2022 Key performance indicator target: 90% by the end of year 2 [micro-elimination criterion] | | | |
| Increase the screening of hepatitis C for clients based in High Wycombe to achieve 'micro-elimination' status for our drug treatment service | Adult drug treatment provider | Service clinical lead | Year 2 |
| Increase the provision of hepatitis B vaccination to (1) injecting drug users and (2) their household and close family contacts | (1) Adult drug alcohol treatment provider (2) BOB Integrated Care Board | Service clinical lead Simon Kearey | Year 3 |
| We want less crime in our communities Metric: number of neighbourhood crimes [local data provided by Thames Valley Police] Current position: 206 in Oct 2021-Sep 2022 This metric is not suitable for a target due to the risk of under recording but will be monitored to provide ongoing context to our work | | | |
| Enhance the identification of people who are responsible for a disproportionate amount of neighbourhood crime | Thames Valley Police | Emma Burroughs | Year 2 |
| With partners, introduce a consistent drugs and alcohol intervention service across all six of the Thames Valley custody suites | Thames Valley Police | John Braddy | Year 3 |
| Develop the use of out of court disposals conditions to support the use of interventions which may be driving criminality – diverting people into drug treatment services | Thames Valley Police | John Braddy | Year 1 |

Priority 4: Working together

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| We want teams and organisations working more closely together Measure: annual summary of progress of the Combating Drugs Partnership | | | |
| All commit to working together and making our Combating Drugs Partnership a success | All | All | Continuous |
| Publish a needs assessment every three years | Public Health | Sarah Winchester | Years 1 and 4 |
| Buckinghamshire organisations will join and support the 'Thames Valley Together' project | Thames Valley VRU Community Safety | Gideon Springer Lee Newman-West | Year 2 |
| Strengthen joint working with other police forces where county drugs lines originate to enhance the identification of gangs and disrupt line holders | Thames Valley Police | Emma Burroughs | Year 1 |
| We want more involvement of people with personal experience Measure: processes established for routine engagement | | | |
| Develop processes to gain insights from those who have experienced drugs or alcohol problems to feed into the CDP | Combating Drugs Partnership | Tracy Braddock | Year 1 |
| We want earlier access to specialist drugs and alcohol treatment services Metric: number of referrals into specialist drugs and alcohol treatment from other health services [local data provided by adult drug treatment provider] Current position: 236 referrals from primary care + acute hospital in 2021/22 Key performance indicator target: 283 from primary care + acute hospital by the end of year 3 [national target of 20% increase in treatment places] | | | |
| Increase referrals, rather than signposting, to specialist drugs and alcohol treatment services | BOB Integrated Care Board Buck. Healthcare Trust Oxford Health | Simon Kearey Duncan Dewhurst Sarah Hill | Year 2 |
| We want continuous care when patients move between services Metric: proportion of those needing specialist treatment using community services within 3 weeks of prison release [Office for Health Improvement and Disparities] Current position: 37% in 2021/2022 Key performance indicator target: 75% by end of year 3 [national target] | | | |
| Further support people leaving custody to access community drug treatment services in the approach to and during release | HMP Bullingdon Probation Adult drug treatment provider | Jas Pejatta Service manager | Year 2 |