



Highland Alcohol & Drugs Partnership: Briefing Paper

Purpose

Our purpose is to achieve improved outcomes for individuals, families and communities across Highland. HADP is a multi-agency partnership responsible for providing the overarching strategy and action plan for reducing drug and alcohol harm. Our membership includes; Highland Council, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Third Sector, Crown Office, Scottish Prison Service and the Fire and Rescue Service.

Role

- Implement an alcohol and drugs strategy informed by local needs assessment
- Reduce inequality and harm via activity ranging from prevention through to recovery
- Deliver quality services that support recovery and involve service users and families
- Provide a commissioning framework and direct funding towards agreed priorities
- Regularly report on performance and measure progress against a set of indicators

Accountability

HADP is accountable nationally to Scottish Government and locally to the 'Safer Highland' strand of the CPP. Partner agencies provide quarterly progress reports on relevant actions and outcomes in the strategy. These are then collated in to an annual report that is submitted to Scottish Government and the CPP, who in turn provide feedback highlighting good practice as well as areas for improvement.

Actions

HADP facilitates activity in 4 key areas to reduce drug and alcohol related harm. The following list is not exhaustive but provides examples of work currently being progressed.

Prevention

Outcome: Communities empowered to make healthier choices

Delivery of alcohol brief interventions

*Training on **Discussing Drugs & Alcohol with Young People***

*Training on **New Psychoactive Substances (NPS) / legal highs***

Promotion of the substance misuse framework for schools

***Rock Challenge** diversionary initiative*

Meet the MacPhersons** campaign to tackle **underage drinking

Substance Misuse Toolkit



Children & Families

Outcome: Improvements to joint working between adult and children's services

Getting our Priorities Right guidance produced by Child Protection Committee
Workforce development support for joint training to improve integrated practice
Collaboration with Action for Children to consult with **young people on family recovery**
Whole family approach to progressing family inclusive practices

Community Safety

Outcome: Communities protected against drug and alcohol related harm

Enforcement operations led by Police Scotland to disrupt drug supplies
Throughcare capacity increased by HMP Inverness to reduce re-offending
Persistent offenders Project led by Criminal Justice Services, targeting substance misuse
Promoting public health and tackling the overprovision of alcohol through licensing



Recovery

Outcome: Integrated care pathway providing a flexible range of services is in place

Rapid access to treatment for the majority of those accessing services

Overdose alert system established in partnership with the ambulance service

Mutual aid groups such as **AA** and **SMART Recovery** extending their reach

Harm Reduction outreach and **drop-in** services being developed

Recovery training programme for workers

Recovery cafe and *Recovery walk* events delivered

Community Outcomes

An assessment of the indicators used to measure progress, lets us know to what extent the HADP strategy is improving the situation for local communities. HADP currently measures progress against a total of 58 indicators.



23 indicators show improvement and/or on target



16 indicators maintaining or no significant change



10 indicators declining and/or off target

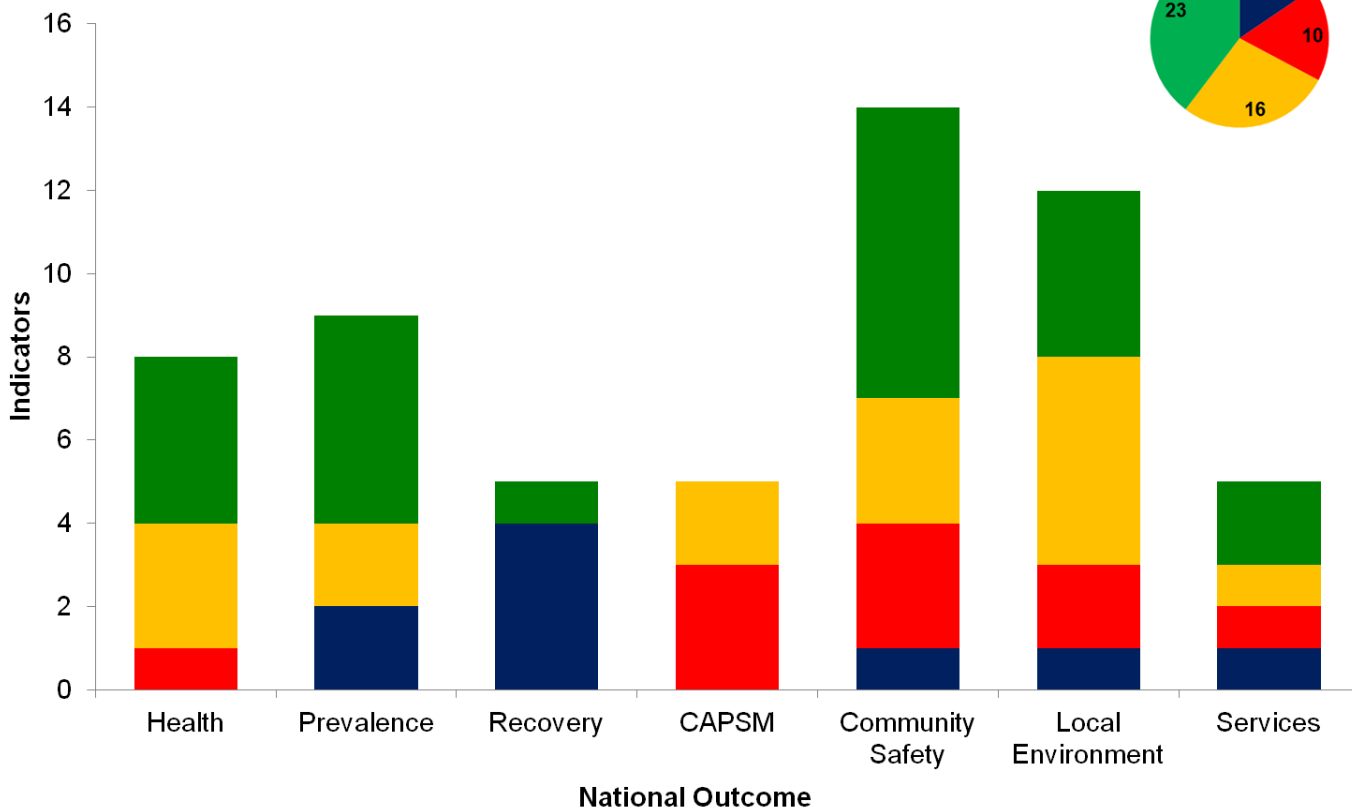


9 indicators where there is no data or no comparison is possible

Highland ADP Core Indicator Progress

HADP Indicators (n=58)

■ No Data ■ Declining ■ Maintaining ■ Improving



HADP recognises the need for ongoing improvement, but overall an assessment of progress suggests a more positive than negative picture with reducing drug and alcohol related harm in Highland.

Copies of the HADP local delivery plan and annual reports as well as a range of other information can be accessed via the website: www.highland-adp.org.uk For more information contact: deborah.stewart@nhs.net



Highland Alcohol & Drugs Partnership: Working in partnership to reduce harm