

# Appendix 1- Summary of Stakeholder Engagement

## 1. Initial consultation

- a. Initial consultation with partners regarding the development and expansion of services in response to the Central Government drug strategy was undertaken in July of 2022
- b. A series of six stakeholder workshops were organised, each focussed on a particularly prominent strategic area for development
- c. The six workshops focussed on:
  - i. Women and Families
  - ii. Criminal Justice and Community Safety
  - iii. Holistic Care: Mental Health and Physical Health Pathways
  - iv. End of Life Care
  - v. Inreach, Outreach and peer led approaches to work
  - vi. Young people
- d. In each workshop the Agenda followed a the same series of stakeholder questions:
  - i. “What do you think our vision for community drug and alcohol treatment should be?”
  - ii. “Where are the gaps? Who are we not reaching?”
  - iii. “What should we prioritise to move ourselves closer to our vision”
- e. In each workshop a mapping exercise was undertaken by the group to aid in identification of gaps.
- f. Each workshop was two hours long and was allowed to focus on broad conversation regarding treatment need.
- g. Stakeholder representation at these workshops included:
  - i. LBH Public Health
  - ii. Turning Point
  - iii. LBH Community Safety
  - iv. Central East Borough Command Unit (Met Police)
  - v. LBH Adult Social Care
  - vi. East London Foundation Trust
  - vii. London Probation
  - viii. LBH Housing
  - ix. St Mungo’s
  - x. City and Hackney CCG
  - xi. City of London Housing
  - xii. City of London Community Safety
  - xiii. The London Joint Working Group for the Elimination of Hepatitis C

- xiv. Support When it Matters
  - xv. Young Hackney
  - xvi. Homerton Hospital
- h. Many organisations listed included multiple attendees with different perspectives and strategic focusses, particularly health colleagues focussing on different health related workstreams (Mental Health, Physical Health etc.)

## **2. Further Development**

- a. The findings of the workshops were presented to a number of ongoing working, delivery and strategic groups aimed at the improvement of the substance use support system, including:
  - i. ADDER Strategy and Delivery groups
  - ii. Death in Treatment panel
  - iii. Combating Drugs Partnership (initial meeting)
  - iv. Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant implementation meeting
  - v. Public Health Senior Management Team
- b. Each of these meetings includes a wide range of partners, both internal to LBH and external.
- c. Key stakeholders in each of these meetings were invited to reflect on these findings.
- d. Through continued discussion and engagement a suggested list of developments for bid submission was created.
- e. Included in the list of developments was continued increased capacity for the incumbent treatment provider in order to deliver more treatment outcomes, both pharmacological and psychosocial.

## **3. OHID and Combating Drugs Partnership Strategy Group**

- a. Throughout the entire process of local stakeholder engagement, OHID and wider central government agencies were engaged in discussion regarding the needs of the authority area.
- b. During monthly OHID meetings the findings of stakeholder engagement and the development of service need were discussed.
- c. A priority partnership meeting with senior OHID London leaders was held on 6th Feb 2023.
- d. In this meeting OHID reflected on initial submission ideas for funding and delivery of drug strategy aims.

- e. Following this meeting the submission for funding was presented to the London Borough of Hackney Combating Drugs Partnership Strategy Group for a ratification of the increase in service provision and funding.
- f. The CDPSG agreed the approach.
- g. Following this a final submission for funding was made, with formal agreement from OHID for the funding to be awarded against the specified service developments in late March.

#### **4. Financial year 24/25**

- a. As the funding for 24/25 is currently indicative it is difficult to know what further service delivery will be needed for that financial year.
- b. Despite this it is likely we will continue the additional service provision agreed for 23/24 as this has been agreed by stakeholders.
- c. Further stakeholder engagement will take place throughout this financial year in order to decide what further services should be brought into the treatment system with increased funding.
- d. All further submissions must be signed off by the CDPSG before they are made to OHID/central government.