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Subject:	Inverclyde Alliance Drug Action Planning Seminar – Actions to be Agreed	

1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide Inverclyde Alliance Board with details of actions identified at the Inverclyde Alliance drug action planning seminar held on 19th August 2019 and to request the Board to note the actions identified by partners at the seminar and initial governance routes for actions to be delivered.

2.0 SUMMARY

- 2.1 Inverclyde has the highest drug misuse prevalence rate in Scotland including rates for both young men and young women (15-24) which are significantly higher than that of other local authorities in Scotland. In 2018, Inverclyde had the third highest drug-related death rate in Scotland - only Dundee City and Glasgow City had higher rates.
- 2.2 The Inverclyde Alliance Drug Action Planning seminar provided the opportunity to find out more about the impact of drug use in Inverclyde and to learn from Alliance Partners about what work is currently being undertaken to address the impact of drug use in our communities, challenges faced and future plans to address the impact of drug use across Inverclyde.
- 2.3 The key aim of the seminar was to provide a platform to support the identification of key actions required by partners and to support the development of a multi-agency action plan to address needs and improve outcomes for individuals, families and communities impacted by drug use.
- 2.4 All partners were able to identify that further discussion and exploration of data were required however broad themes were identified as an area to explore further.
- 2.5 The identified themes were:
1. Leadership Alcohol and Drugs Partnership – To drive change, refreshed leadership is required at a suitable level to agree changes and drive improvement owned by all partners, service users, families and communities.
 2. Culture - Challenge and eliminate stigma towards people who experience problems with drugs and their families. Language across partners and communities needs to change to facilitate this. People who experience problems with drugs, and their families are part of Inverclyde community.
 3. Intelligence - The data in services particularly around young people shows few young people with drug issues are engaging with services. More consistent, robust reporting and gathering of information are required to monitor improvements. Meaningful engagement

with young people, service users, and families should help agencies to understand what more needs to happen to educate, prevent and help people recover.

4. Prevention Framework – Prevention and education are important to give people information to ensure they make informed choices. More confidence in a shared approach to prevention is required and the ADP plan will commission support/development of a model to deliver to ensure all services are delivering consistent messages to the population
5. Interventions – From discussion it is clear more clarity and support for young people at an early stage are required. A tier 2 wellbeing service is being developed however clear pathways into treatment services are also required. The adult treatment service is a busy service with year-on-year increasing demand. The service is subject to a review which has identified more services need to be delivered at an early stage. The discussion at the seminar focused on employability, with clear evidence that good employment and housing help people to recover. The Alcohol and Drugs framework ties to the employability agenda through increasing longevity of the population and ensuring more people are capable of being economic activity through their lives.
6. Resources – There was an acknowledgment that there is no additional money. The seminar was able to identify that the majority of resources are directed at treatment or the impact of drugs. An agreement is needed across all partners to consider how we support prevention and recovery.

- 2.6 An initial action plan outlining themes/actions for further exploration has been created and attached as Appendix 1. The ADP and Strategic Housing Partnership Forum and Strategic Children Services will take forward the multi-agency actions forward and develop the plan further. Each agency has identified actions that on a single agency basis could be addressed.

3.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Alliance Board:
- a. Notes progress to date and agrees further consultation with young people, people who use services, families and communities to determine if the area identified by partners are similar to issues identified by communities.
 - b. Agrees in principle to support the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to develop a detailed action plan, incorporating the identified themes to deliver change which will be reported to the Alliance Board twice a year.

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4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde has the highest drug misuse prevalence rate in Scotland. The rates for both young men and women (15-24) are significantly higher than most other local authorities in Scotland. In 2018, Inverclyde had the third highest drug-related death rate in Scotland - only Dundee City and Glasgow City had higher rates.
- 4.2 There can be many complex factors which result in a person becoming involved in drug use. Most people do not develop an addiction and of those that do, the majority of people recover. Pathways of intervention should be available for people across the lifespan to ensure they receive the right help at the right time by the right person.
- 4.3 All partners - Housing, Police Scotland, Fire & Rescue, Health and Council came together to consider the services currently being provided, plans for the future and any gaps. It was clear from discussions that drugs issues impacted on all partners, and that there was collective willingness to work together to address the issues. Themes arose from the discussions and more exploration is required, however an initial action plan was developed:-
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 2. Culture - Challenge and eliminate stigma towards people who experience problems with drugs and their families. Language across partners and communities needs to change to facilitate this. People who experience problems with drugs, and their families are part of Inverclyde community. Work with communities to reduce stigma is required and this has begun.
 3. Intelligence - The data in services particularly around young people shows few young people with drug issues are engaging with services. More consistent, robust reporting and gathering of information are required to monitor improvements. Meaningful engagement with young people, service users, and families should help agencies to understand what more needs to happen to educate, prevent and help people recover.
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5.0 PROPOSALS

- 5.1 Consultation with young people, families and communities to ensure that there is synergy between professional and the public view on the outcome themes from the Seminar in August 2019.
- 5.2 An initial action plan outlining themes/actions for further exploration has been created. The Alcohol and Drug Partnership, the Strategic Housing Partnership Forum and Strategic Children Services will take forward the multi-agency actions forward and develop the plan further. Each agency has identified actions that on a single agency basis could be addressed.

6.0 IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 **Legal:** There are no legal issues within this report.
- 6.2 **Finance:** Levering resources across partner agencies will be an important aspect of ensuring there is capacity in the system as a whole to address the needs identified. The action plan will look to partners to commit resources to achieve better outcomes.
- 6.3 **Human Resources:** When further developing the plan there will be the need to consider capacity across agencies to deliver change. There will be training and skills development requirements.
- 6.4 **Equality and Diversity:** Although there is no evidence that problematic drug use is concentrated in communities with protected characteristics, it is recognised that it is particularly prevalent in areas of multiple deprivation.
- 6.5 **Repopulation:** The impact of drug related harm impacts on Inverclyde as place to live. Reducing this harm on our communities could impact on repopulation. Keeping our population healthier will have an impact on premature deaths and mortality rates.
- 6.6 **Inequalities:** People who use drugs and drug related deaths are more prevalent in areas of high deprivation. The actions outlined within the plan will support the specific aim of mitigating some of the negative factors that lead to inequalities.

7.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 7.1 The Seminar provided a mechanism for consultation across Inverclyde Alliance partner agencies. In addition the use of drugs has been the subject of:
- Citizen's Panel Consultation
 - Schools Health and Wellbeing Surveys,
 - Scottish Adolescent Lifestyle Surveys and
 - Clyde Conversations engagement with young People

It was prominent within consultation around the HSCP consultation around the development of the Inverclyde HSCP Strategic Plan 2019-2014 and identification of Big Action 5

8.0 LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 8.1 Drug Related Deaths in Scotland 2018 Office of National Statistics: <https://www.nrscotland.gov.uk/statistics-and-data/statistics/statistics-by-theme/vital-events/deaths/drug-related-deaths-in-scotland/2018>
- 8.2 Drug Misuse Prevalence Rates in Scotland 15/16. ISD Published 2018: <https://www.isdscotland.org/Health-Topics/Drugs-and-Alcohol-Misuse/Publications/2019-03-05/2019-03-05-Drug-Prevalence-2015-16-Report.pdf>

Inverclyde Alliance drug action planning seminar
19th August 2019

Broad themes to explore further

THEME	ACTIONS	AGENCY	DATE
Leadership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refresh membership of ADP 	All agencies ADP	December 2019
Culture	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Commission rights respect campaign Social Media Campaign Develop multi-agency collaboration 	ADP Alliance Alliance	September 2019 January 2020 December 2020
Intelligence	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Explore data/reporting for young people Consultation with young people Consultation service users Consultation with families 	Children Service Planning Inverclyde Council ADP Scottish Families Against Drugs	February 2020 September 2020 February 2020 October 2020
Prevention	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Relationship with young people Develop multi-disciplinary collaborative with young people Consistent framework across agency on prevention/education Social Media Campaign 	Children Service Planning Children Service Planning Children Service Planning/Alliance	January 2020 January 2020 February 2020
Interventions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pathway for young people into treatment Development of recovery strategy Development of employability pipeline and opportunity 	Children Service Planning ADP Employability Forum	February 2020 March 2020
Resource	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Police Scotland explore opportunity within schools Fire/Rescue support activities and join Multi- Disciplinary Collaborative HSCP develop recovery services 	ADP/Alliance	April 2020

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Education/CLD consistent prevention strategy		
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