

Brent Drug & Alcohol Partnership (BDAP)

Homelessness Forum Presentation

July 21st 2023



Context

- The 10-year national drug strategy [From Harm to Hope](#) was published in Dec 2021
- This new strategy comes with significant new funding- over £3 billion over the next three years
- With the aim to:
 - Reduce drug related death, harm, crime and overall use
 - Alongside a requirement to strengthen national and local accountability.

3 priorities of the Drug Strategy

1. Break drug supply chains
2. Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system and
3. Achieve a shift in the demand for recreational drugs.

National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework

Our ambition: a safer, healthier and more productive society by combating illicit drugs

What we will deliver for citizens
(strategic outcomes)

Measured by:



Reducing drug use

- the proportion of the population reporting drug use in the last year (reported by age)
- prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use



Reducing drug-related crime

- the number of drug-related homicides
- the number of neighbourhood crimes



Reducing drug-related deaths and harm

- deaths related to drug misuse
- hospital admissions for drug poisoning and drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders (primary diagnosis of selected drugs)

What will help us deliver this
(intermediate outcomes)

Measured by:



Reducing drug supply

- the number of county lines closed
- the number of moderate and major disruptions against organised criminals



Increasing engagement in drug treatment

- the numbers in treatment (both adults and young people, reported by opiate and crack users, other drugs, and alcohol)
- continuity of care – engagement with treatment within three weeks of leaving prison



Improving drug recovery outcomes

- the proportion who are in stable accommodation and who have completed treatment, are drug-free in treatment, or have sustained reduction in drug use

Key additional components integral to recovery include housing, mental health, and employment

By the end of 2024/25 to have:

- Prevented nearly 1,000 deaths, reversing the upward trend in drug deaths for the first time in a decade
- 54,500 new high-quality treatment places, (an increase of 20%) including:
 - 21,000 new places for opiate and crack users, bringing a total of 53% of opiate and crack users into treatment
 - A treatment place for every offender with an addiction
 - 30,000 new treatment places for non-opiate users and alcohol users
 - Further 5,000 more young people in treatment
- 24,000 more people in long-term recovery from substance dependence
- Closed over 2,000 more county lines
- Contributed to the prevention of three quarters of a million crimes
- 800 more medical, mental health and other professionals
- 950 additional drug and alcohol and criminal justice workers
- Sufficient commissioning and co-ordinator capacity in every local authority

What does this mean for Brent?

- Between 2022 - 2024 Brent Council is predicted to receive approx. £2m enhanced funding to spend on enhancing the treatment and recovery system to achieve the aims of the Drug Strategy
- With the aim of improving the quality and capacity of local drug & alcohol treatment
- It has strict grant conditions which mean it can only be spent enhancing treatment and prevention

As part of the terms of agreement of the funding all LAs in England are now required to:

- ✓ Create a multi-agency Combatting Drug Partnership with a nominated Senior Responsible Officer and Terms of Reference-known locally as the BRENT DRUG & ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP (BDAP)
- ✓ Conduct a needs assessment, underpinning a local Drug Strategy delivery plan
 - Ensure all partners agree a local performance framework to monitor the implementation and impact of local plans
 - Regularly review progress, reflecting on local delivery of the strategy and current issues and priorities from April 2023 then every 12 months thereafter

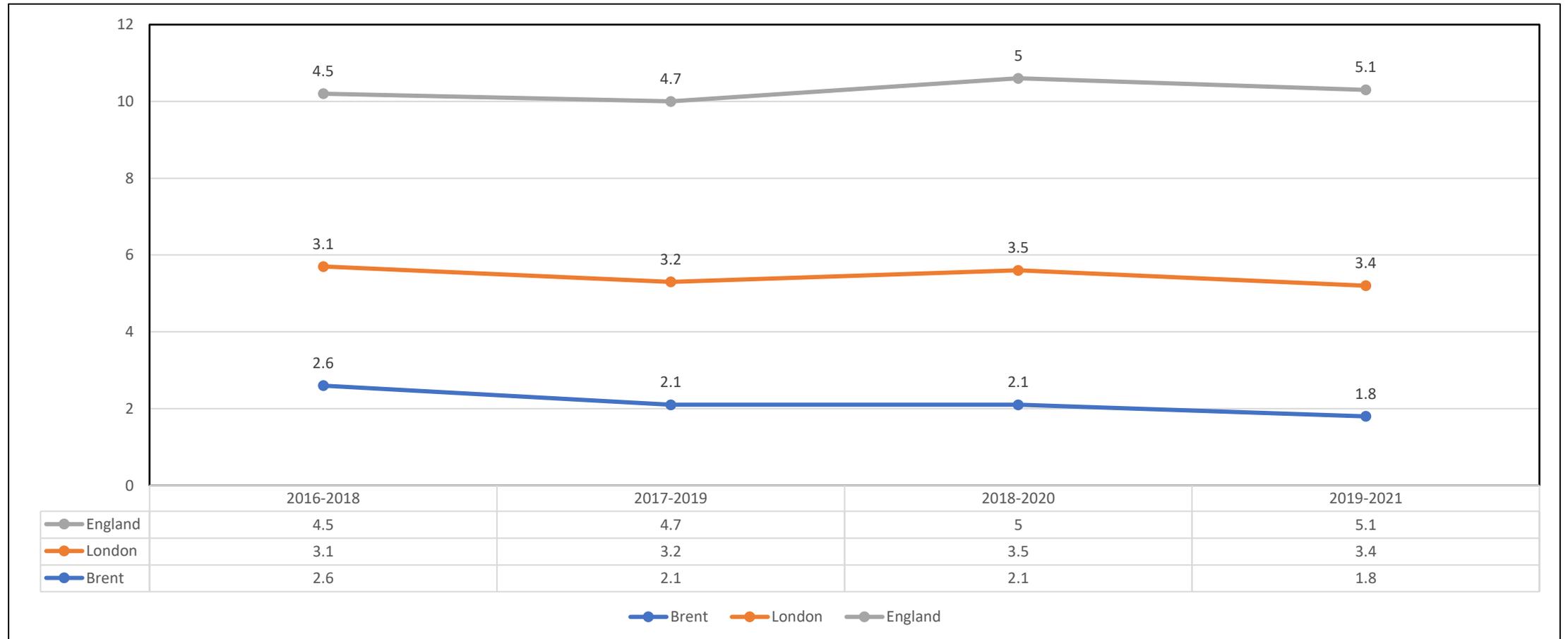
BDAP Terms of Reference (TOR)

- The Brent Drug and Alcohol Partnership (BDAP) will act as the Combatting Drugs Partnership for Brent but with an operational focus that includes alcohol and is community facing and community focused.
- The purpose of the Brent Drug and Alcohol Partnership (BDAP) is to provide the local leadership and ensure effective partnership working to deliver the 2021 National Drug Strategy “*From Harm to Hope A 10-year Drugs Plan to cut crime and save lives*” in Brent.
- The partnership will act as the lead commissioning group for drugs and alcohol in Brent.
- Outcomes from BDAP will help inform reports and provide assurance to the
 - Safer Brent Partnership Board
 - Health and Well Being Board

Key Features of Drug & Alcohol Use in Brent

- Numbers in treatment – 1,138 (Women & Indian cohort under-represented)
- Unmet need – Significantly above the national average for all drug groups (but new prevalence figures expected next week)!
- Drug & Alcohol related deaths -Significantly below the national & regional average
- Dual diagnosis- Locally identified as having a MH need below the national average
- Continuity of Care – 18% transferring from prison to community treatment within 3 weeks locally compared with 41% nationally (everyone in London is doing badly with this measure and there is considerable regional/national focus/support to improve this measure)!

Rates of Drug related deaths due to drug-misuse, England, London & Brent 2016-18 to 2019-21



Developing the Brent Drug & Alcohol Plan 2023/24

- Brent Public Health Team commissioned a consultant to:
 - Develop the Plan based on local needs and priorities and
 - Consult widely on the Plan with partners via Focus groups
 - Take the Plan to the first BDAP for further review and sign off
- The Plan will underpin the activity of the BDAP in order to help meet the ambitions in the drug strategy by reducing drug and alcohol related harm in Brent over the next 2 years

Brent Drug & Alcohol Plan Focus Groups

- Enforcement & Supply
- Young People
- Adult Treatment
- Housing
- Employment, Training & Education
- Multi-faith and voluntary sector
- Service users/Lived Experience

Break Supply Chains

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- Targeting the 'middle market' – breaking the ability of gangs to supply drugs wholesale to neighbourhood dealers
- Going after the money – disrupting drug gang operations and seizing their cash
- Rolling up county lines – bringing perpetrators to justice, safeguarding and supporting victims, and reducing violence and homicide
- Tackling the retail market – improving targeting of local drug gangs and street dealing

Deliver a world class treatment system

Delivering world-class treatment and recovery services – strengthening local authority commissioned substance misuse services for both adults and young people, and improving quality, capacity, and outcomes

- Increase numbers accessing treatment
- Address drug and alcohol related harm for young people
- Addressing the links between substance misuse and domestic abuse
- Improving recovery outcomes
- Strengthen the response to cuckooing
- Strengthen the workforce
- Reduce drug & alcohol related deaths and hospital admissions
- Address outcomes for those with dual diagnosis
- Strengthen the harm reduction offer
- Support those impacted by others' substance misuse
- Support parents with substance misuse issues
- Increase access to accommodation
- Increase access to employment, training and education
- Increase referrals to substance treatment from the CJS (especially those leaving prison)

Achieve a generational shift in demand

Achieve a generational shift in demand through working with young people and those most at risk of substance misuse or exploitation

- Delivering school-based prevention and early intervention – ensuring that all pupils receive a co-ordinated and coherent programme of evidence-based interventions to reduce the chances of them using drugs
- Supporting young people and families most at risk of substance misuse or criminal exploitation – co-ordinating early, targeted support to reduce harm within families that is sensitive to all the needs of the person or family and seeks to address the root causes of risk
- Strengthen Public health input into alcohol licensing decisions
- Roll out awareness raising campaigns re substance misuse
- Address alcohol related harm within the Night-Time-Economy (NTE)