

# Sandwell Drug & Alcohol Strategy

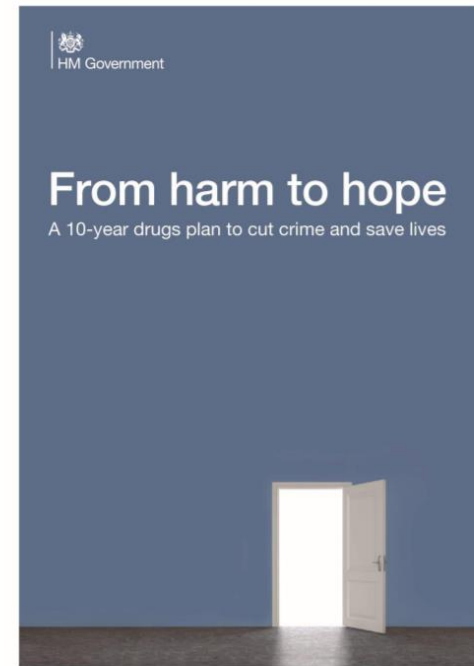
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# Overview

- National picture
- Local picture
- Strategy
- Governance and Accountability

# From Harm to Hope

- 2021 Dame Carol Black independent review
  - underfunded treatment services
  - increased drug use
  - increased harms from drug use
- 10-year Drugs Plan to cut crime and save lives



# National strategy on a page

10 year policy ambition

How

3 year resources

Headline targets

Break drug supply chains

Step up our response to the supply of the most harmful drugs, attacking all stages of the supply chain, reducing the associated violence and exploitation, and protecting prisons from being academies of crime

£300m

Close 2,000 more county lines  
Disrupt 6,400 more OCGs

Deliver a world-class treatment and recovery system

Rebuild drug treatment and recovery services, including for young people and offenders, with new commissioning standards to drive transparency and consistency

£780m

Prevent nearly 1,000 deaths;  
Delivered around 54,500 new high-quality drug and alcohol treatment places

Reduce the demand for recreational drugs

Strengthen the evidence for how best to deter use of recreational drugs, ensuring adults driving change their behaviour or face consequence, and with universal and targeted activity to prevent young people starting to take drugs

£5m innovation fund

Reduce overall drug use to historic lows over the next decade

Partnerships and Accountability



# How?

- 3 years of additional funding for treatment and recovery
- Government require local areas to have a strong multi-agency partnership (footprint to be decided locally)
- Local partnership must have proactive oversight of the implementation of all three strategic priorities of the Drug Strategy.
- A key task to conduct a joint needs assessment, and use this to agree a local drug strategy and action plan.

# Sandwell

- Sandwell Strategic Drug & Alcohol Partnership
- West Midlands Combatting Drug & Alcohol Partnership
- Local Needs Assessment completed April-June 22
- Local Strategy aligned to national core strands –inclusive of alcohol

# Needs Assessment



- Continuity of Care
- Drug related deaths prevention
- Young people's hospital admissions



- Alcohol related deaths
- Unmet Drug & Alcohol need

# Sandwell Drug & Alcohol Strategy

3 key priorities and the overarching partnership commitments.

## ADDRESSING SUPPLY

- Working regionally and nationally to reduce the harm associated with illicit drugs.
- Building the local evidence base regarding disrupting drugs, illicit alcohol, and illicit tobacco supply.
- Address responsible retail.

## DELIVERING WORLD CLASS TREATMENT AND RECOVERY SYSTEM

- Rebuilding the professional workforce
- Better integration of services to ensure we meet needs holistically across the health and criminal justice system.
- Referrals via all partners.
- Better use of Alcohol Identification and Brief Advice (IBAs).
- Enabling delivery of a vibrant ROSC, led by and for those affected by alcohol and drugs.

## ACHIEVING A GENERATIONAL SHIFT IN THE DEMAND FOR ALCOHOL AND DRUGS

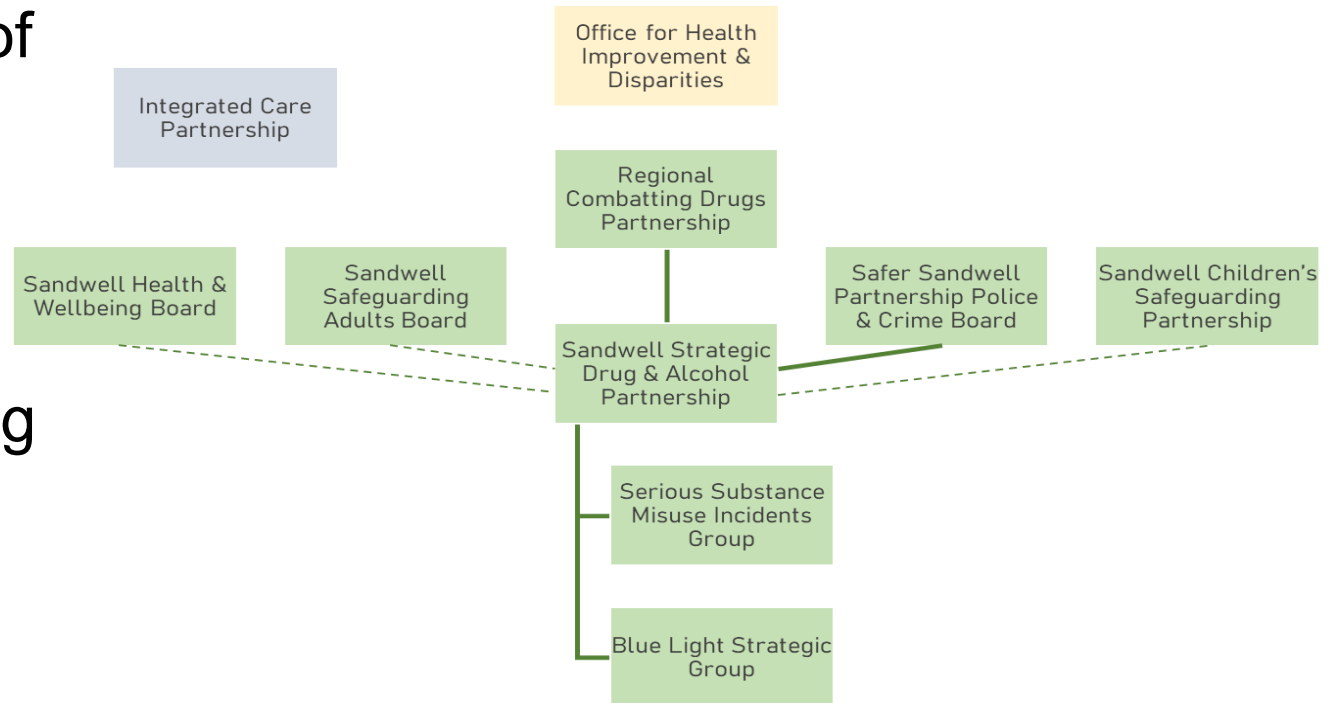
- World-leading evidence base.
- Reducing the demand for alcohol and other drugs.
- Preventing drug and alcohol use among children and young people.
- Change the acceptability and availability of legally available substances (alcohol and tobacco) in Sandwell.

ACCOUNTABILITY AND DELIVERY (Partnerships, outcome frameworks, and quality standards)



# Governance & Accountability

- SDAP 'home' of the strategy
- Regional partnership
- Additional themed working groups under SDAP
- Targets and outcomes monitoring



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