

WEST NORTHAMPTONSHIRE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD

23rd January 2024

Reports for information

Reports Titles	Substance Misuse Needs Assessment – Rhosyn Harris
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List of Appendices

Appendix A – Substance Misuse Needs Assessment

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1. The attached report is for Board members to review and will not be discussed during the Board meeting.

2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 In September 2022, Northamptonshire established its Combating Drugs Partnership involving a wide range of local organisations. National guidance states that Combating Drugs Partnerships should produce a needs assessment in 2022 to inform their local delivery plan, addressing the three objectives.
- 2.2 The overall aim of the Substance Misuse Needs Assessment is to provide information to the Combating Drugs Partnership and organisations involved in the commissioning of services with information about health needs of the Northamptonshire population to inform the future delivery of services for children, young people and adults.
- 2.3 Specific objectives are to
- Establish the prevalence of alcohol and drug misuse in Northamptonshire.
 - Identify groups at high risk of poor health from substance misuse.
 - Describe the impact on substance misuse on health and wider societal outcomes.
 - Identify the organisations involved in substance misuse and their interactions as a system.
 - Understand the views of professionals working in services related to substance misuses.
 - Understand the experience of those with lived experience, their family and carers.
 - To identify the gaps and commissioning priorities.

2 Recommendations

3.1 Board members are asked to note the report.