

Bradford District Assembly Safer Communities Forum

Working Together for a Better West Yorkshire Part 6: Drugs and Alcohol Misuse and the Impact on Communities and Crime

Tuesday 10 September 2019, 10.00 am - 12.30 pm

CNet, Enterprise Hub, 114-116 Manningham Lane, Bradford, BD8 7JF

Speakers: Jon Royle (The Bridge Project and Chair, Safer Communities Forum); Vicki Beere and Sam Broadley (Project 6); Claire Stothers and Jess Clayton (West Yorkshire Police); Tony Gibson (The Bridge Project)

Present: Muppett (CNet); Mhamoued Abdulmwli; Shafiq Ahmed and Zuleikha Naz (CBC); Laura Bateson and Alex (Bradford Cyrenians); Rukhsana Bi, Laura Brannan, Liz Fletcher, Nikki Harvey, Salamat Sabir, Tom Wardman and Tahmima Tahir (BDCT); Alexandra Carrington, Rachael Robertshaw, Colin Stansbie, Mark Waite, Nicola Welch and Masood Gondal (CBMDC); Amy Clark and Lindsey Jeffcock (DWP); Dr Lynn Deacon-Green; Tracy Deed (ANHST); Gemma Gibbs (Crimestoppers); David Grant-Roberts (The Cellar Trust); Rachel Greene and Cara Mctasney (HALE); Jayne Leech (VSI Alliance); Brogan Maxwell (Humankind Charity); David William Newell and Bethany Simmonds (Specialist Autism Services); Nathan Pollard (Voiceability); Victoria Robinson (Brathay Trust); Jenny Scott, Janet Ford and Javed Khan (CNet); Geraldine Waugh (Barnardo's); Ann West; Clive Whittaker (Community Action); Daisy Wilde (Branching Out); Helen Ward (WYCRC); Matthew Bibby (Councillor); Mohammed Naveed (IST); Selim Chouikhi (RightWay Society); Samuel Fletcher (Councillor); Tasveer Ghani (Upper Heaton)

What work is being done in the third sector within the field of drugs and alcohol misuse and the impact on communities and crime?

- Barnado's
 - Families First – VCS partnership, holistic family work
 - Families Against Youth Crime 6 – 13 years and Police
 - Trusted Relationships (Youth in Mind)
- HALE – social prescribing service supporting individuals / families in social need, including drug / alcohol use.
- Specialist Autism Services have recently moved up to Westgate area of Bradford City Centre and there have been several incidents of unwanted contact by our service users with drug users in the area. We could do with a humanising aspect to have our members understand drug users and their stories.
- Stronger Families
- Together Women
- Networking and Partnership

What are the gaps within this field and how can we work together to address them?

- More 1-1 work, group work isn't always good when people first come for support.
- Autism specific drug and alcohol use services – people needing support to “get through the door” of services.
- Health and social care working closer together for individuals – holistic approach – looking at addressing more than the one issue.

- Further work through ward meetings, community partnership group meetings – talk to Bradford Council Neighbourhood Services Ward Coordinators for details of active wards for effective information dissemination.
- Work with Ward Councillors to ensure topic is understood, monitored and audited.
- More peer support / mentoring – replacement of service from WYFI.
- Early intervention – vulnerable adults and children
 - Schools
 - After school clubs
 - Unis
 - Other services
- Work with younger children living in homes where substance use taking place – talking therapies / holistic work.
- Picking up low level family support where matters are dealt with before escalation. So where charities such as Project 6 / Bridge offer family support services, there is a huge gap in this area – what to do? Health are overstretched – but health need more involvement.
- Time – more time for clients, both length of appointments and frequency and time in services when appropriate, clients are not average.
- Not enough services or staff to provide effective interventions.
- Services are too targeted – need to work with barriers before meeting any targets (such as getting a job).
- Not enough communication between services – everyone concerned about GDPR and what they can and cannot share.
- Having hubs which have lots of services in one place in communities.
- Too high caseloads / more intensive service required i.e. communication.