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Drug and Alcohol Harm

Scale of the Problem

- ▶ 2017/18 338,000 alcohol related hospital admissions (15% increase in a decade)
- ▶ Social and economic costs alcohol misuse £21.7 Billion
- ▶ Social and economic costs drug misuse £10.7 Billion
- ▶ 4,785 heroin and crack users in Bradford
- ▶ 92,000 hazardous and 17,000 harmful drinkers in Bradford

The Business Case for Treatment (PHE 2018 Commissioner Toolkit)

- ▶ Alcohol treatment reflects a return on investment of £3 for every £1 invested, which increases to £26 over 10 years.
- ▶ Drug treatment reflects a return on investment of £4 for every £1 invested, which increases to £21 over 10 years

Drug and Alcohol Treatment Policy Drivers

- ▶ 1970s - 1980s HIV and AIDS
- ▶ 1990s - 2000s Crime
- ▶ 1999 National Drug Strategy
- ▶ 2001 National Treatment Agency
- ▶ Health and Social Care Act 2012

Impact of Austerity and Policy

- ▶ Budget Cuts
 - ▶ Bristol 12.9m to 4.5m
 - ▶ Bradford 10m+ (pre 2017). Current contract 7m tapering to 5m in 2022
 - ▶ Gateshead 51%
 - ▶ Sefton 51%
 - ▶ Durham 38%
 - ▶ Portsmouth 38%

Treatment Systems in Decline

- ▶ Drug deaths all time high 4359 vs 2640 decade ago
- ▶ 17/18 75,000 in treatment for alcohol vs 13/14 91,000 (-17%)
- ▶ Year on year falling numbers overall in drug treatment
- ▶ Successful exits opiate users 26% vs 37% in 2011-12
- ▶ Inverse care law
 - ▶ 165% increase in rough sleepers since 2010
 - ▶ Half of homeless deaths caused by drugs
- ▶ 70% of drug service users and 86% of alcohol service users experiencing mental health problems

Market Trends

- ▶ Longer and larger integrated contracts
- ▶ Protection of pharmacological interventions at the expense of counselling and psychosocial services
- ▶ Service provision moving from NHS and local providers to larger third sector
- ▶ Growth of indigenous recovery communities

Future Challenges and Opportunities

- ▶ Difficult to predict trends in drug usage
- ▶ Emerging new psychoactive substances
- ▶ Aging cohort of heroin users
- ▶ Internet supply
- ▶ Prescription and over the counter medication
- ▶ Digital solutions
- ▶ New pharmacological treatments

