

## **Sefton Combating Drugs Partnership**

### **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

#### **Background**

The Government has developed guidance for local areas to implement the 10 Year Drug Plan ([From Harm to Hope](#)) published in response to the [Dame Carol Black review](#) to deliver on its recommendations. The Guidance for Local Delivery Partners ([Guidance for local delivery partners - appendix 3 \(publishing.service.gov.uk\)](#)) sets out new national to local arrangements including local multi-agency bodies with significant scope to set local drug plan priorities, including drug treatment, and to report nationally on achievement of Drug Plan outcomes.

#### **Purpose:**

The Combating Drugs Partnership (CDP) will be a multi-agency forum that is accountable for delivering the outcomes in 'From Harm to Hope' Drug Plan within local areas. It will provide a single setting for understanding and addressing shared challenges related to drug-related harm, based on the local context and need. The partnerships will be required to report to central government and hold local delivery partners to account.

The CDP will focus on addressing inequalities as identified in the JSNA. It acknowledges that the greatest impacts of substance misuse are experienced in our most deprived communities. Members of the partnership will meet to explore unmet need in Sefton and discuss how we can work together to address the barriers to accessing services and delivering more targeted interventions.

#### **Functions:**

- To provide assurance to the Health and Wellbeing Board that arrangements and plans are in place to ensure that Sefton meet the national requirements for CDPs.
- To provide strategic direction and oversight for the local delivery of the outcomes as defined in the 10year Drugs Plan.
- To jointly conduct and assess evidence and data to understand better the local issues, needs and patterns of drug-related harm.
- To develop a local delivery plan and a cycle of review in accordance with national guidance.
- To communicate and promote local plans/activity across the borough, to secure active contribution and engagement from all communities and stakeholders.

- To hold key partners, agencies and organisations to account for fulfilling

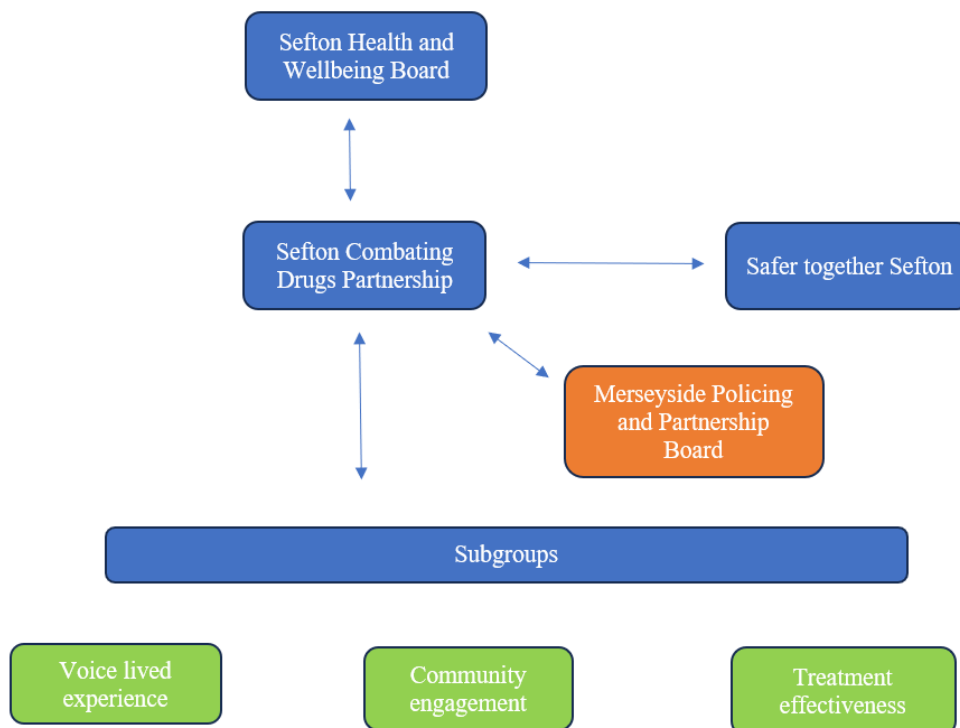
responsibilities in relation to delivery of the local plan.

- To monitor and evaluate the impact of actions and performance against local and national targets through the monitoring of local returns and performance frameworks.
- To provide a forum for discussion by local partners, to identify risks and their mitigation and opportunities for joint action.

The Combating Drugs Partnership will be visible and accountable for their actions, both to residents and central government via the National Joint Drugs Unit (Home Office).

### Proposed Governance Arrangements:

It is proposed that the Combating Drugs Partnership will report to the Health and Wellbeing Board through the Director of Public Health. Additionally, it will as appropriate (to be agreed) provide updates to the Sefton Safer Together. The Sefton CDP will also report to the Merseyside Policing Partnership Board.



## Chair and Membership

The group will be chaired by the Sefton Senior Responsible Owner. Core membership will be as listed below:

<b>Title</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
<b>Director of Public Health (SRO)</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Elected Member</b>	Cabinet member for Health, Wellbeing & Inclusion
<b>Public Health Lead – Substance Use</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Adult Service Provider</b>	Change Grow Live
<b>Rep YP Service Provider</b>	Change Grow Live
<b>Rep Inpatient Detox Service</b>	MerseyCare NHS Trust
<b>Rep Community/Public Engagement</b>	Community Voluntary Sector (CVS)
<b>Rep Business Intelligence - Data</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Adult Social Care</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Children Social Care</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Housing</b>	Sefton Council / One Vision Housing
<b>Rep Youth Offending Team</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Communities</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Education</b>	Sefton Council
<b>Rep Probation</b>	Probation Service
<b>Rep Police</b>	Merseyside Police
<b>Voice Lived Experience</b>	Change Grow Live – Service User Group
<b>Public Health Intelligence Unit</b>	
<b>Rep Employment</b>	The Growth Company
<b>Rep Department for Work and Pensions</b>	Southport Job Centre Plus

## Frequency of meetings

The Combating Drugs Partnership will meet monthly in the first instance and quarterly thereafter.

## Extraordinary meetings

In addition, extraordinary meetings may be called as and when appropriate.

## Format of meetings

The meetings will have a standard agenda and will be virtual (Teams).

Face-to-face meetings will be held approximately once a year.

## **Quorum**

The quorum for the meeting will be a minimum of 5 members each representing a different organisations/sector/Depts.

## **Communication of recommendations**

All members of the partnership will assume responsibility for communicating recommendations/actions within their respective organisations/Depts following each meeting.

## **Review**

Terms of Reference will be reviewed on an annual basis. Review date (Sept 2024)