

HEALTH OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY - PROJECT BRIEF

ALCOHOL RELATED HOSPITAL ADMISSIONS

1. Background.

At its formal meeting on 18 November 2009, the Health Overview & Scrutiny Panel identified this topic for review and agreed that the project brief be agreed at its meeting on 20 January 2010.

2. Objectives of the Inquiry.

1. To understand the number and categories of alcohol related admissions at Queen Alexandra Hospital.
2. To understand the national picture for alcohol abuse.
3. To evaluate the impact alcohol related hospital admissions has on Portsmouth City Council Services.
4. To understand the causes and impact of alcohol abuse on different sections of society.
5. To evaluate the methods used to record alcohol related admissions at Queen Alexandra Hospital.
6. To understand the treatment services available and the referral system.
7. To understand the work carried out in the following areas: prevention of alcohol abuse; treatment services and enforcement and to gain the views of service users and professionals involved.
8. To learn from examples of good practice elsewhere.
9. To develop recommendations to improve the alcohol abuse misuse services in the city.

3. Witnesses.

- The Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, Primary Care Trust.
- Service Manager Provider Services – Primary Care Trust.
- Substance Misuse Co-ordinator, Portsmouth City Council.
- School Nurses.
- The Education Service.
- Education Support Workers.
- Student Services, The University of Portsmouth.
- Representatives from the night time economy.
- Off licences.
- Portsmouth City Council's licensing department.
- The Street Pastors Scheme.
- Portsmouth City Council's Community Wardens.
- Hampshire Constabulary Service.
- Police Community Support Officers.
- South Central Ambulance Service.
- Portsmouth Hospitals Trust.
- Brief Intervention Teams.
- Service users of Queen Alexandra Hospital's A&E
- Portsmouth City Council's Trading Standards Service.
- Alcohol Arrest Referral Service.
- Alcohol public health lead for the Government Office for the South East.
- Mike Webb, Hampshire Drug & Alcohol Lead.
- Salvation Army and Two Saints Housing Association.

- Victim Support.
- Alcoholics Anonymous.
- Community Safety.
- Anti Social Behaviour Unit.
- Voluntary Sector Treatment Services.
- Hampshire Probation Services.
- The Court Service.
- The You Trust (Formerly Southern Focus Trust), a non-statutory partner in the Local Area Agreement.

This list is not exhaustive and other relevant witnesses may be added as the review progresses.

4. Suggested Programme of Meetings.

1st Meeting.

Dr Paul Edmondson-Jones, Director of Public Health and Wellbeing, Primary Care Trust will give an overview of alcohol related admissions at Queen Alexandra Hospital showing how it compares nationally. The Panel will also learn about the causes and the impact of alcohol abuse on different sections of society.

2nd Meeting.

A representative from the Portsmouth Hospital Trust will explain the methods used to record alcohol related admissions at Queen Alexandra Hospital and the referral system to treatment services.

3rd Meeting.

The Panel will learn about the work carried out in the following areas: prevention of alcohol abuse; treatment services and enforcement and gain the views of service users and professionals involved.

Further meetings will be scheduled to accommodate witnesses.

Members of the Panel will also work shadow the following key personnel who deal first hand with people misusing alcohol to gain first-hand knowledge and understanding of the complexity of the issues involved:

- Portsmouth City Council's licensing department.
- The Street Pastors Scheme.
- Portsmouth City Council's Community Wardens.
- Hampshire Constabulary Service.

In order to engage more fully with the public, the Panel will also:

- Map a 24-hour period of the Guildhall Walk area, which has a high density of licensed premises, in order to measure the transformation from daytime to nighttime economy.
- Host online consultations, forums and make the review available on Twitter.

- Attend meetings of the Local Involvement Network and neighbourhood forums.