

<b>Subject:</b>	Responses to the Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group Report	<b>Status:</b>	For Publication
<b>Report to:</b>	Overview and Scrutiny	<b>Date:</b>	19 <sup>th</sup> June 2017
<b>Report of:</b>	Committee and Member Services Officer	<b>Portfolio Holder:</b>	Health and Housing
<b>Key Decision:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>General Exception</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> <b>Special Urgency</b> <input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Equality Impact Assessment:</b>	Required:	No	Attached: N/A
<b>Biodiversity Impact Assessment</b>	Required:	No	Attached: N/A
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1.	<b>RECOMMENDATION(S)</b>
1.1	That the responses to the Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group report are noted.

## 2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To update the Overview and Scrutiny Committee on the responses received to the Drug and Alcohol Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group report.

## 3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:

- **Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.

## 4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no specific risk issues to Rossendale Borough Council for members to consider arising from this report.

## 5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

5.1 The Drug and Alcohol Services Provision in Rossendale Task and Finish Group sent its final report to Overview and Scrutiny Committee in January 2017. Following this meeting the report was sent out to the organisations for comment and a deadline of 24<sup>th</sup> February 2017 was given for responses:-

- Rossendale Citizens Advice
- Community Paramedic
- Health and Wellbeing Partnership
- Lancashire Police
- Pubwatch
- North West Ambulance Service
- Cabinet Agenda Setting

5.2 Responses were received from most of the above list and are summarised in the table on page 2:-

<b>Responder</b>	<b>Comment</b>
Cabinet Member – Cllr Barbara Ashworth	<p>I'd like to thank the Task and Finish Group for their work which led to this report, and, as stated in the conclusion, I'm pleased that it is positive in its findings with regard to ongoing service provision.</p> <p>With regard to the recommendations, I have already spoken with the One Stop Shop Manager who is very willing to accommodate outreach sessions by prior arrangement.</p> <p>I will also ensure the Council's website is signposting residents to Inspire, Young Addaction and Citizens Advice. As everyone is aware, the website is undergoing a complete overhaul in order to be much more user - friendly. It will therefore be much easier to find details of services.</p> <p>I trust that the other organisations mentioned will be able to carry out the recommendations made to them.</p>
Health and Wellbeing Partnership	Cllr Ashworth is Chair of the Health and Wellbeing Partnership – please see her comments above.
Lancashire Police	No response
Pubwatch	No response
Richard Peters – Community Paramedic	<p>Thank you for sharing this report, very interesting.</p> <p>It is encouraging to know that the service will continue to be hosted at multiple sites within Rossendale as I would imagine that locality is an important factor in engaging clients.</p> <p>From an NWAS perspective, in line with the recommendations of the report, a pathway was developed in Oct 2016 which enables East Lancs Paramedics to refer patients to Inspire via the Lancashire Wellbeing Service (poster attached <i>Appendix A</i>).</p>
Rossendale Citizens Advice (Rachel Whippey)	Thank you for sending this to Citizens Advice. Having looked at the notes and discussed with staff we reflect the concerns raised regarding waiting times. Having said that I am aware that Inspire have started seeing people at Stubblelee and are still exploring options to extend access in Rawtenstall. The loss of a drop in unfortunately means that those facing addiction will not be able to get face to face support 'in the moment' which may impact on recovery and it is important that services providing addiction support ensure that referral agencies such as CA are included in communication regarding changes in access.
Inspire	Inspire have stated that the report looks fine.
Young Addaction Lancashire (Naomi Burrows)	Young Addaction pasted their comments directly into the Task and Finish Group report. To avoid any confusion, this report is attached at <i>Appendix B</i> and their input starts at the bottom of page 6 of that appendix.

**COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:**

**6. SECTION 151 OFFICER**

6.1 Any financial implications arising should be contained with existing budget resources.

**7. MONITORING OFFICER**

7.1 There are no legal implications arising from the content of the report.

**8. POLICY IMPLICATIONS AND CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT**

8.1 Consultation is noted previously in this report.

8.2 The Council has an internal Drugs and Alcohol Policy for all staff which includes with cause and random testing. Support and signposting would be provided via the Absence Management Policy.

**9. CONCLUSION**

9.1 The work carried out by the Task and Finish Group has proven to be extremely valuable in terms of clarifying the services that are available in Rossendale and how those services work. The Manager of the Council's One Stop Shop has indicated that space can be made available for outreach sessions and this may increase the services available to Rossendale residents.

Appendices

Appendix A	NWAS Poster
Appendix B	Response from Young Addaction (starts on page 6)