

AGENDA ITEM

**REPORT TO HEALTH AND
WELLBEING BOARD**

29 JANUARY 2020

**REPORT OF DIRECTOR OF
ADULTS AND HEALTH**

Reducing Alcohol-related harm in Stockton-on-Tees

SUMMARY

In June 2019, the Health & Wellbeing Board agreed a strategic approach to reducing alcohol-related harm. Since then, the strategic group has been established; an action plan has been developed and progress against actions has been made.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Health and Wellbeing Board is asked to note the progress and direction of the Alcohol-related Harm Strategic Group

DETAIL

1. Alcohol is embedded in our culture and our day to day lives. For the majority, alcohol is associated with socialising, relaxing, celebrating and commiserating. Different drinks for different occasions, situations, weather, age groups, social groups, activities and status. Alcohol is acceptable, affordable and readily available.
2. The majority of adults in Stockton-on-Tees drink alcohol, few abstain. Some 38% of Stockton-on-Tees residents drinks at levels of increased risk of harm to their health (Balance, 2015). Alcohol-related harm is not only felt by individuals, it impacts on families, our communities, our services and our workforces as well as the wider economy.
3. The Core Alcohol Group continued to meet monthly until the Alcohol-related Harm Strategic Group was established and met for the first time in October 2019 with representation from Catalyst, the Local Authority's licensing and public health teams, NHS trust, CCG and the Police and Crime Commissioner's Office.
4. The Alcohol-related Harm Strategic Group has identified key actions to begin to deliver against the priorities identified in the Health and Wellbeing Board's Reducing Alcohol-related Harm Strategic Framework. Progress is highlighted in the attached action plan.
5. The action plan will be revised for 2020/21 with clear outcomes and performance indicators.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The strategy will be delivered within existing resources

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None noted

RISK ASSESSMENT

Risk-related policies will be implemented as necessary in the development of operational objectives

COUNCIL PLAN IMPLICATIONS

Reducing alcohol-related harm would impact positively across the council's directorates (e.g. Health & Wellbeing, Children's Services, Adult Social Care, Stronger Communities etc.).

CONSULTATION

Stakeholders from across the system have been consulted in the development of the strategic summary

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