

A man with a yellow hat, glasses, and a white beard is smiling. He is wearing a green t-shirt and a yellow beaded necklace. The background is slightly blurred, showing another person's profile on the right. A large red graphic element is on the left side of the image.

Oldham Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee Update

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What we offer?

Provide treatment for Adults with Substance misuse issues

Clinical pathways for those with Drug and alcohol use

Access to rehabs if appropriate and detoxs

Harm reduction advise

Pre and post detox groups

Personalised care

PSI groups

Counselling

Recovery Support

BBV testing and vaccinations

Offer employment support through IPS

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Current priorities

- Increase numbers in treatment
- Work in partnership with other agencies such as the police to disrupt county line gangs, and reduce the amount of drugs in the system
- Improve continuity of care for those leaving prison
- Understand due to the change in government what the funding will look like post 24/25
- Work as a system to reduce the impact of the synthetic opiate threat
- Recruit a full staff team in a highly competitive market
- Improve the recovery offer in Oldham
- Due to recruitment drive, develop the training of the staff team and have a staff away day as staffing has/is doubling
- Reach out to the community and offer training partner agencies to improve awareness and reduce stigma.
- Work in partnership with other agencies such as Safeguarding, Probation, Housing, mental health to help get those support where needed and collocate where possible
- To explore alcohol related harms for those coming late into treatment, which contribute to alcohol related deaths, by means of Outreach, and building links with partners
- Reduce drug and alcohol deaths
- Top have a full family approach model to service delivery

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Recent achievements

- We hit our numbers in treatment targets for Q2
- The new office is now established in the centre of Oldham at the old Post Office
- We had a recruitment drive day in June, which was highly successful
- We have improved our successful completions for opiate users the last quarter
- Embedded a new rough sleepers team, Opiate team, Focussed Care team and Criminal Justice team, in a new system structure
- We are currently co-locating with mental health (Safe Heaven) Probation, Positive Steps (young person offer, Womens Centre, GP, Changing Futures, Street Angels, MASH bus, Housing Options, IDVA clinic, sexual health services and more
- Developed better pathways into service, through hepatology and Fibro scanning and MASH van to engage more people into treatment
- Separate drop-in clinics, so people can be testing for early signs of Liver Damage and Hep C
- Created a clinic for those with sexual health needs at our hub
- With the recent Early release from prison scheme, we managed to successfully engage with those prisoners being released in the Oldham area.
- We have made links into the Family Hubs in Oldham through Early Break
- We have developed a new training offer for internal staff and external partner agencies

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Year in numbers In Oldham 2023 - 2024

- 3231 referrals
- 1675 new starts in structured treatment
- 2129 people supported in structured treatment
- 5436 Utilisation of the needle exchanges
- 479 successful completions who exited treatment
- 43 people were given a rehab placement
- 3218 naloxone kits were issued
- 433 Blood Bourn Virus tests completed
- 52 Service users were on Buvidal



Challenges

- Changing government
- Discrepancies between targets set from OHID, central government and the 10 year drug and Alcohol strategy
- Synthetic opioid threat, due to lack of production of Heroin
- More complex service users coming through the system
- Difficulties in recruiting experienced staff

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