

# Working in Partnership to Tackle Drug and Substance Misuse 2023

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# Overview of the session today

Recap of the 10-year Combating Drugs plan

Overview of local multi-agency partnerships and action

Sharing learning for building and implementing successful partnerships

Update on delivery progress and upcoming milestones

# Drugs Strategy 'From Harm to Hope'

10-year plan published  
December 2021

Substantive response to the  
Dame Carol Black  
Independent Review: accepts  
all key recommendations

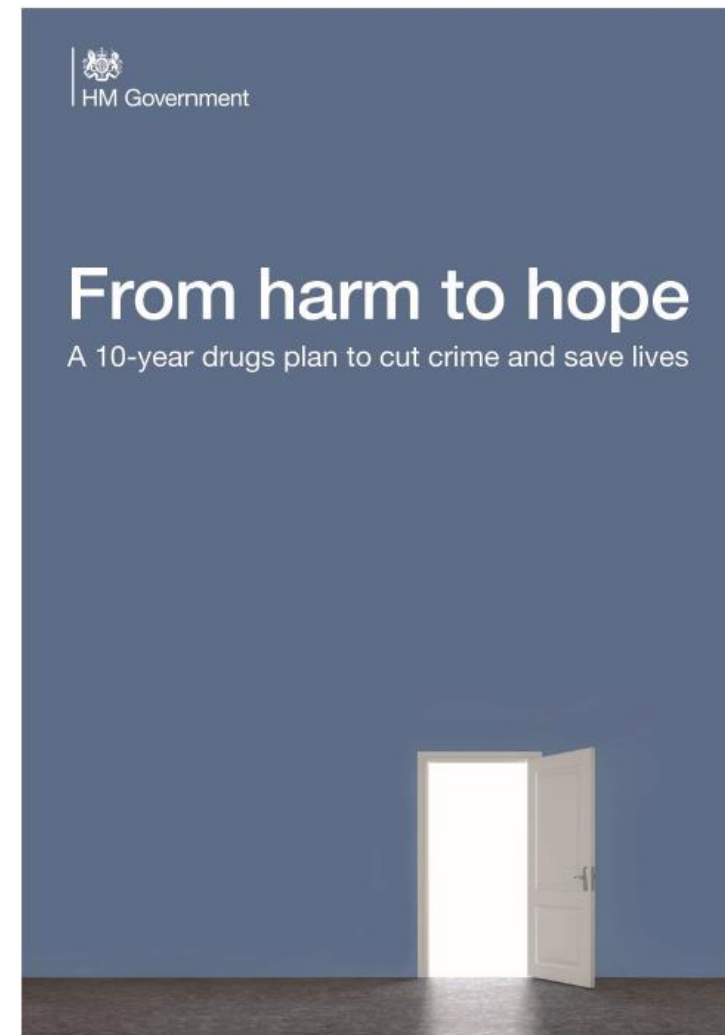
Record investment of nearly  
£900 million of dedicated  
funding 2022-2025

UK Government strategy  
alongside Scotland, Wales and

Northern Ireland approaches

Commits the whole  
of government and our  
public services to work  
together on three linked  
strategic priorities:







- Break Drug Supply Chains
- World-class Treatment and Recovery System
- Reducing Demand for Drugs



# National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework

## National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework

Our ambition: a safer, healthier and more productive society by combating illicit drugs

What we will deliver for citizens (strategic outcomes)	Measured by:
 <b>Reducing drug use</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the proportion of the population reporting drug use in the last year (reported by age)</li> <li>prevalence of opiate and/or crack cocaine use</li> </ul>
 <b>Reducing drug-related crime</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the number of drug-related homicides</li> <li>the number of neighbourhood crimes</li> </ul>
 <b>Reducing drug-related deaths and harm</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>deaths related to drug misuse</li> <li>hospital admissions for drug poisoning and drug-related mental health and behavioural disorders (primary diagnosis of selected drugs)</li> </ul>
What will help us deliver this (intermediate outcomes)	Measured by:
 <b>Reducing drug supply</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the number of county lines closed</li> <li>the number of moderate and major disruptions against organised criminals</li> </ul>
 <b>Increasing engagement in drug treatment</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the numbers in treatment (both adults and young people, reported by opiate and crack users, other drugs, and alcohol)</li> <li>continuity of care – engagement with treatment within three weeks of leaving prison</li> </ul>
 <b>Improving drug recovery outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the proportion who are in stable accommodation and who have completed treatment, are drug-free in treatment, or have sustained reduction in drug use</li> </ul> <p><b>Key additional components integral to recovery include housing, mental health, and employment</b></p>

## Outcomes expected by end of 2024/25:

- Prevented 1,000 deaths
- Delivered 54,500 new high quality treatment places
- Contributed to the prevention of three-quarters of a million crimes
- Closed more than 2,000 County Lines
- 6,400 major and moderate OCG disruptions (a 20% increase)

## By 2031, an ambition to:

- reduce overall drug use towards a historic 30-year low.

To note: the recovery headline metric is being revised and the updated description will be included in the publication of the full framework

# Drugs Strategy guidance for local delivery partners

Need for greater co-ordination and accountability at national and local levels

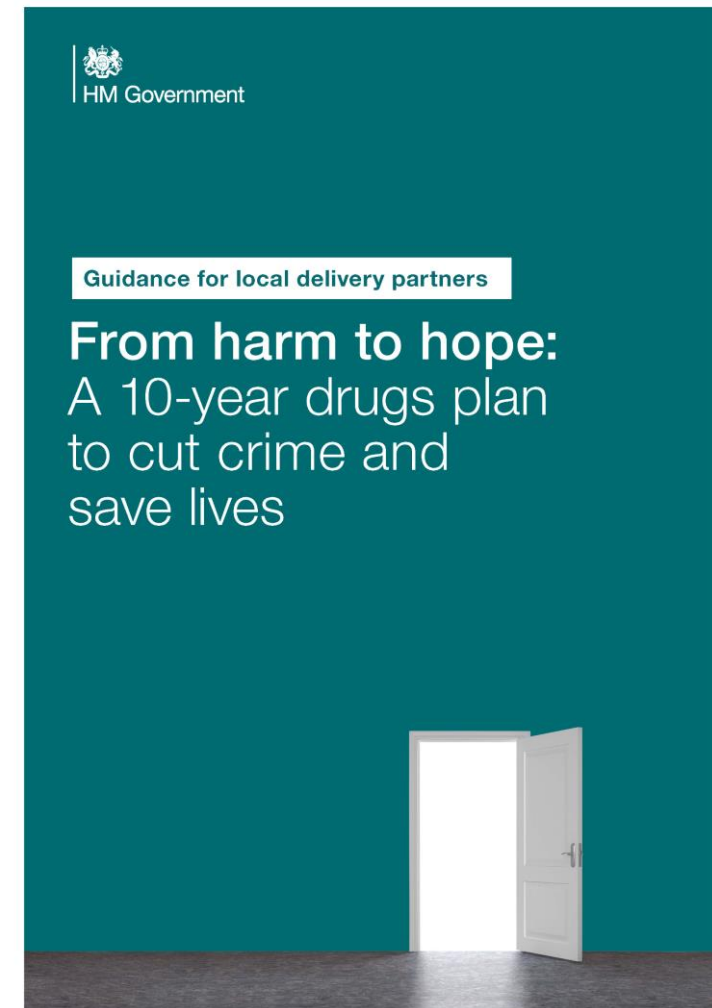
National Combating Drugs Outcomes Framework with metrics to monitor progress

Local Combating Drugs Partnerships in England

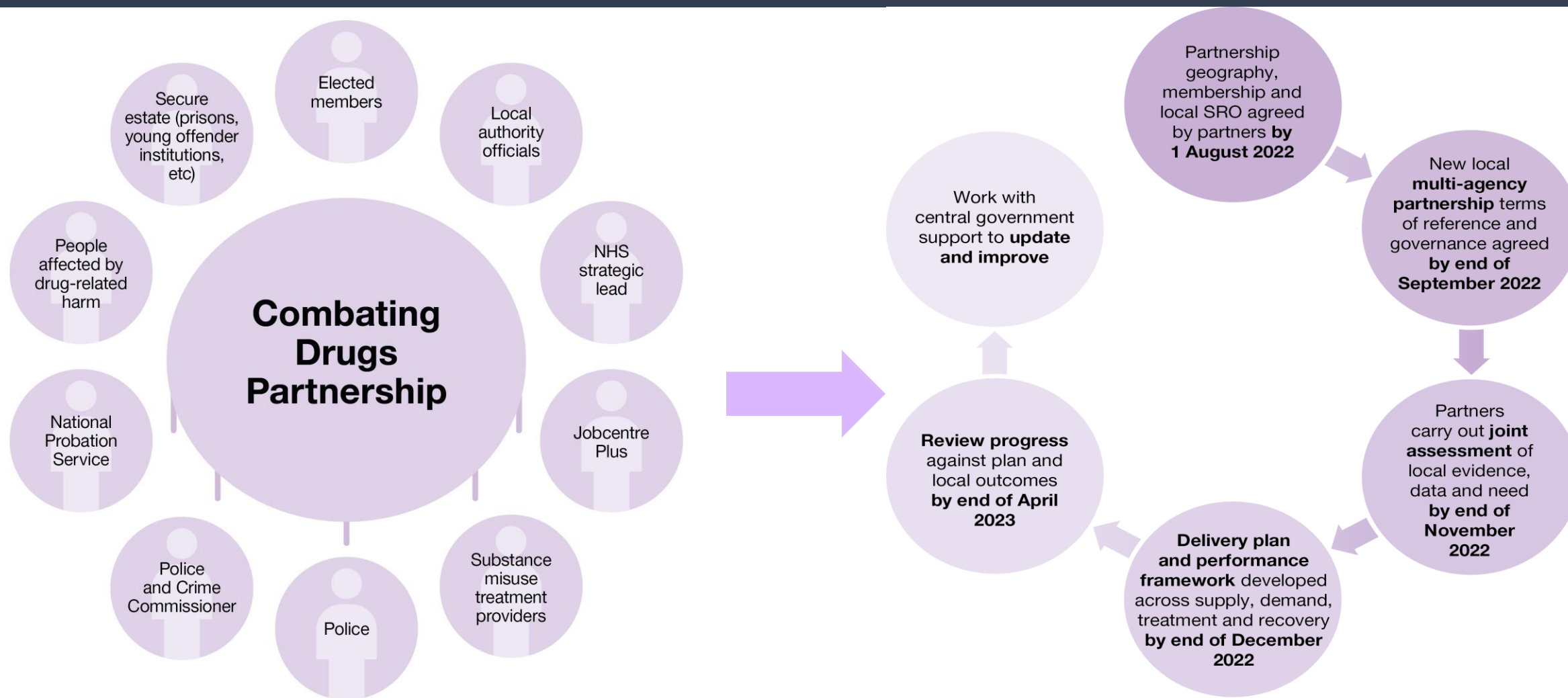
Multi-agency forums accountable for delivering the drugs strategy with sub-groups driving action

104 SROs in place to oversee this

Plans to bring together networks to share progress and approaches



# Combating Drugs Partnerships – who and what?



# Learning from ADDER & high-performing areas

**Strong partnership takes time to build and needs a long-term commitment**

Local agencies should emphasise their own commitment & the long-term approach being taken by central government

**Prevention and work with children and young people is crucial**

Sometimes this can be seen as less urgent than other priorities, but it is central to the ambition of *From Harm to Hope*

**Information and Data sharing is essential**

Integrated Care Systems and central government can help unlock doors. Central government seeking to unblock this alongside local joint working

**Joint provision is possible**

Partnership enables – and is strengthened by – having joint discussions of resourcing and service design, including joint commissioning

**Central government can help support**

*From Harm to Hope* and local guidance empowers local SROs and partners, and gives a long-term commitment of central government to this agenda



# Progress so far: Treatment and Recovery

- ✓ **Commissioning Quality Standard published** for treatment services
- ✓ **£532m of treatment and recovery funding allocated for all Local Authorities** in England up to 2025
- ✓ Residential rehabilitation places up 10%, inpatient detox places up 14%
- ✓ **1000 more staff** in 2021/22, **more training places** for addiction psychiatrists, and 100 new training places for Health and Well-being practitioners
- ✓ **More Drug Rehabilitation Requirements and Problem-Solving Court pilots** increasing access and engagement with treatment
- ✓ **Prisons expansion of focused treatment and recovery** - abstinence-focused Drug Recovery Wings being rolled out, Incentivised Substance Free Wings, Drug Strategy Leads in prisons
- ✓ **Extra £15m investment into Rough Sleeping Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant**
- ✓ **£53m for Housing Support funding allocation** to improve outcomes for people in treatment
- ✓ Individual Placement and Support for people in treatment to find employment available in nearly ½ of LAs
- ✓ Launched **£30.5m Addictions Mission** to enhance development of new technologies to reduce harm



# Progress so far: Drug Supply & Demand

- ✓ County Lines Programme (since November 2019) closed **3,500 lines, over 10,200 arrests, over 5,700 people referred for safeguarding**
- ✓ Project Adder (Jan 2021 to Sep 2022) delivery of:
  - Over **1,600 Organised Crime Group Disruptions**
  - Over **12,400 Out of Court Disposals** to divert people into treatment/recovery
  - Almost **9,000 naloxone kits** in the community to prevent deaths outside of treatment
  - Over 4,000 people benefited from ADDER-funded **interventions in drug treatment**
- ✓ £5m **Innovation Fund funding 5 projects** so far delivering education-based programmes, skills development for young people and community outreach
- ✓ 36 police forces are now establishing or delivering **Drug Testing on Arrest**
- ✓ Improvements being made to collect meaningful and consistent data on DToA use
- ✓ Research to monitor **implementation of the new RSHE** curriculum requirements
- ✓ **National Drugs Summit** May 2022
- ✓ **White Paper to consult** on changes to the way in which drug possession is sanctioned

# Looking Forward...

## **Delivery: pace, scale, quality**

- Combating Drugs Partnership 'delivery phase'
- Continued national delivery with enhanced resource and governance
- OHID and Health Education England workforce strategy

## **System-join up**

- Focused work with NHS England on mental health services
- Networks for SROs and those involved in supporting local partnerships
- Data sharing and linking focused projects

## **Measuring impact**

- Evaluation of impact and communities of practice
- Publication of further national metrics to monitor performance
- Annual report to Parliament on progress of drug strategy delivery

**What are the future priorities for you and your sector?**

**Any questions?**