

Health and Wellbeing Board

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Walsall Council

Alcohol Project Group

Alcohol in Walsall

- Accurate prevalence estimates are difficult to establish
- Department of Health Alcohol Needs Assessment Research Project (2005) estimates projected upon Walsall's population (Census 2011) results in an estimated figure of 10,772 dependent drinkers but these figures should be viewed with caution without local validation
- Local data shows there were 2090 alcohol related hospital admissions and 678 alcohol specific hospital admissions in 2012/13.
- 937 clients in alcohol treatment with 408 receiving structured treatment and 529 receiving brief interventions



Alcohol in Walsall Cont'd

- Of those receiving structured treatment 234 successfully completed(57.4%) W.Mids (39.8%)
- 51% in treatment between age 35 and 54.



Alcohol Related Crime

- 1,834 alcohol related crimes in 2012/13
- 29% fall in alcohol related recorded crime between 2008/9 and 2012/13
- 32% drop in alcohol related violent crime in the same period.
- Reducing year on year for the last 5 years
- Although a degree of caution needs to be used because Walsall's rate remains higher than the West Midlands rate



Walsall Integrated Drug & Alcohol Services

Are commissioned to offer:

- Alcohol awareness and screening training opportunities for universal services
- Brief interventions in primary care/GP practices (19,741 patients screened and 821 brief interventions in 2014/15)
- Open access services for self referral
- Structured treatment services for dependent users
- Residential detoxification and rehabilitation services
- Specialist alcohol hospital liaison service
- Partnership working to coordinate cared planned interventions for the high volume users of the hospital services



Action Plan

- Offering a stepped approach covering prevention, enforcement and treatment options
- Prevention services promoting healthy choices
- Maximising universal professionals training and awareness to Make Every Contact Count(MECC), 5 Ways to Wellbeing and alcohol awareness and screening
- Coordinated council services in Trading Standards, Licensing, ASB enforcement and Public Health commissioned treatment services
- Swift access to treatment services and recovery support services



Action Plan Cont'd

- Coordinated community safety and referral and assessment services at each stage of the criminal justice process (arrest, court, community sentence, post prison release liaison)
- Coordinated hospital liaison service to target high volume hospital users



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Any Questions?



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