



Dorset's Combating Drugs Partnership

Progress Report July 2023

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Sub-groups to deliver local action

The three strategic priorities set out in the 10-year drugs strategy are:

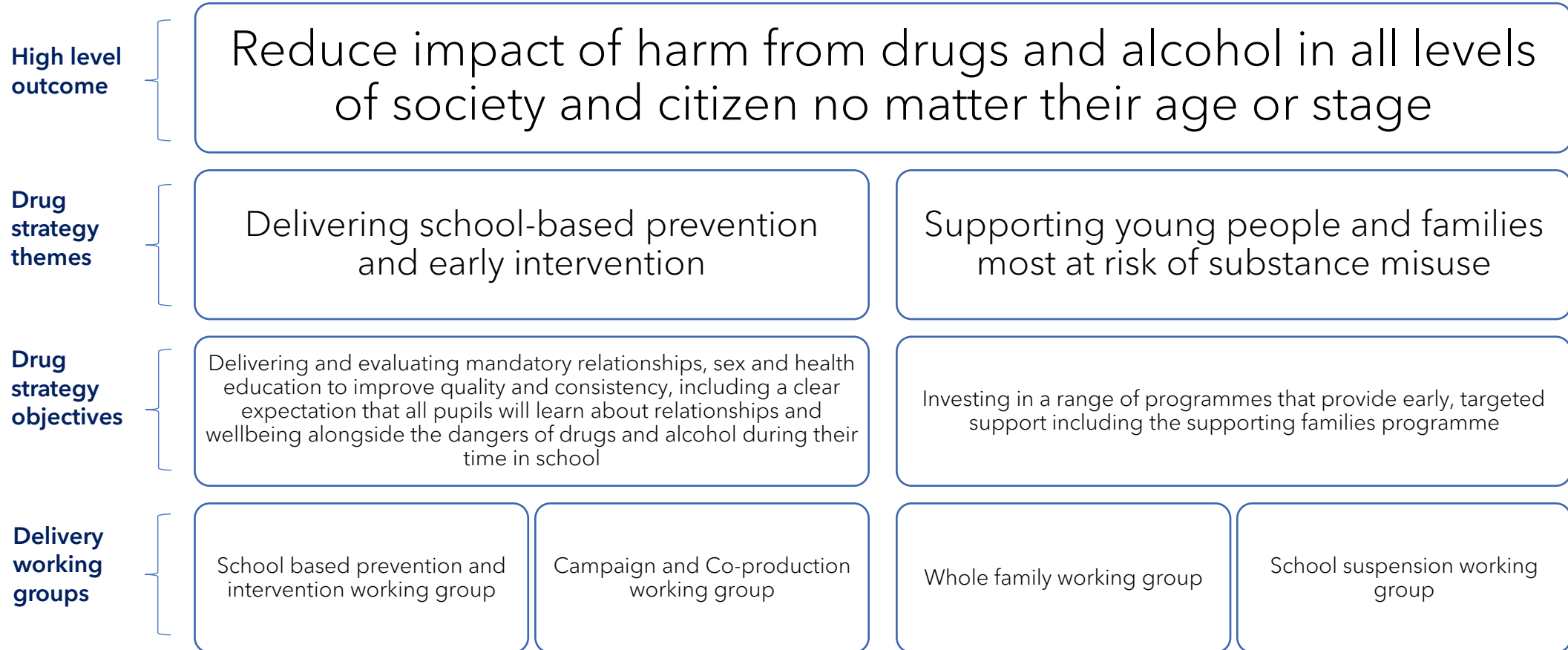


In Dorset, the Combating Drugs Partnership has established three sub-groups to engage local partners and deliver action:



An Analytical Group underpins this work and produced a needs assessment in November 2022. From this a delivery plan has been developed and signed off by the partnership in February 2023.

1. Prevention sub-group



School suspensions working group

Focus

Prevention and intervention working group

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NIHR: Innovation Fund to reduce demand for illicit substances

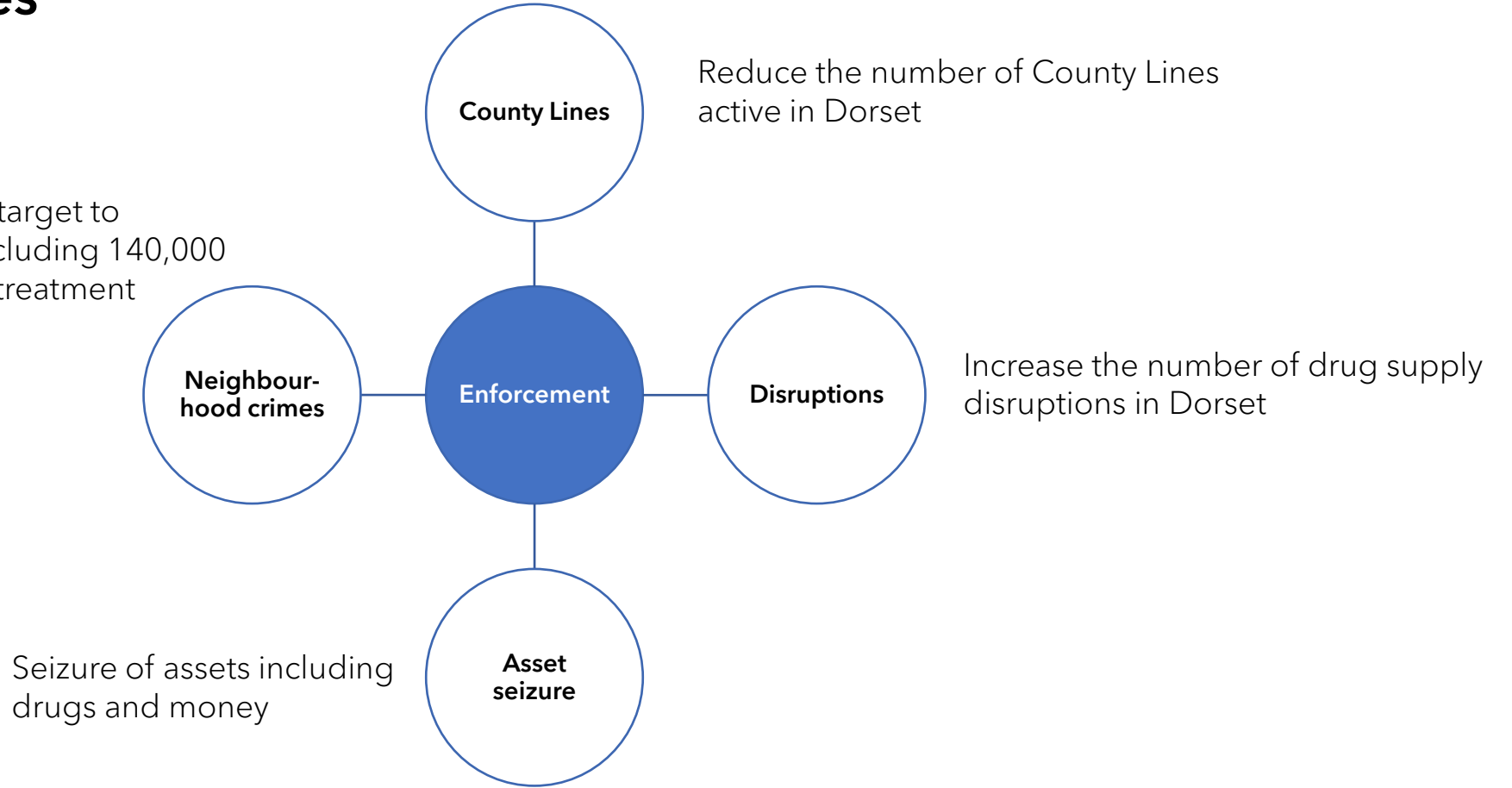
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2. Enforcement



National outcomes

Contribute to the national target to prevent 750,000 crimes including 140,000 through increases in drug treatment



National outcomes - projected performance for 2023/24 compared to previous year



County Lines
90% increase in arrests
1st quarter: 38
Projected: 152
Last year: 80

SOC Disruptions
7.4% increase
1st quarter: 259
Projected: 1036
Last year: 964



Neighbourhood crimes
6.9 % increase
Current: 101
Projected: 202
Last year: 188

Asset seizure - cash
37.8% increase
1st quarter: £23,756
Projected: £94,304
Last year: £68,413



Supporting metrics



- Hospital admissions for assault by sharp object – data set being established by Aug/Sept 2023
- Proven reoffending within 12 months – forecasting looks like arrest rates will be slightly higher in 2023 than previous years
- Police recorded trafficking of drugs and possession offences
- Volume and number of drugs seizures
- Number and proportion of National Referral Mechanism (NRM) referrals with a County Lines flag – in progress with 140 positive grounds NRM for Apr 22 – March 23

Case study: Prison task and finish group



Feedback from HMP Portland Security Governor:

"We had some intelligence around an attempt to convey illicit items late one evening, we were really struggling to resource the area for visits at the time, including lacking a search dog. At very short notice we received a Police search dog and two officers who worked in partnership with the PIO and Prison staff. I am extremely confident no items made it through and into the Prison community.

I cannot quantify the positive effect this had on the Prisoners on visits who were going to attempt some criminal activity, but equally as important a few hours later we were receiving intel reports regarding Prisoners telling each other what had happened on visits and discussing how robust the visits area has become.

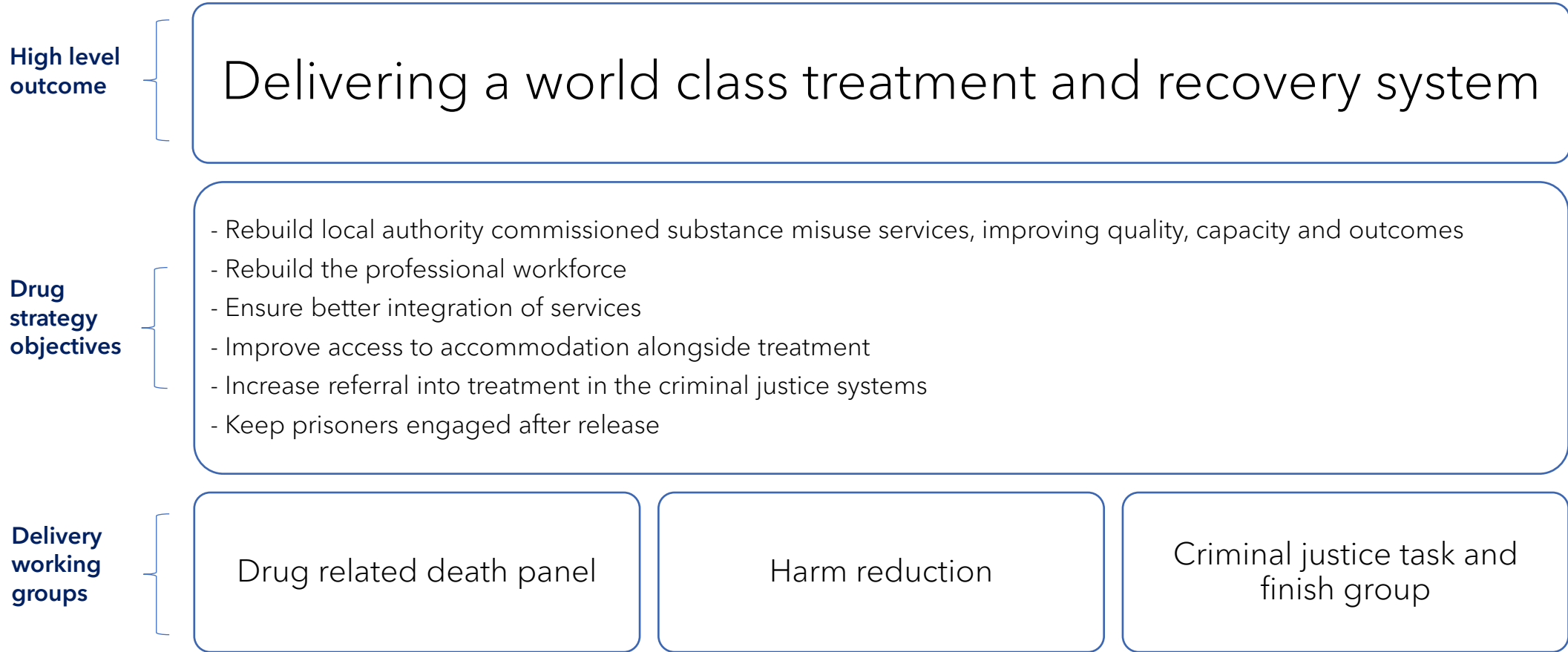
This disruption and messaging is like gold dust to us as a Prison. This really was a positive day for partnership working between Dorset Police and HMP Portland."

Priorities for 2023/24



- Integrated Offender Management and treatment
- Faster parcels task and finish group
 - Task and finish group established
 - Received 146 Border Force fast parcel referrals from April 22 - March 23
 - BCP second largest hotspot in the South West
 - Embryonic work has resulted in seizures of over 30kg of cannabis and 114kg of precursor chemicals
- Prisons task and finish group
 - Drug supply - pilot location HMP Portland
 - Sharing actionable intelligence and improving communication between agencies
- Identify repeat offenders
- Increase use of non-criminal/civil orders

3. Treatment and recovery



Local delivery of national targets in 2023/24



Numbers in treatment*
Adults 22/23 BCP: 2590 DC: 1889
Target 23/24 BCP: 2700 DC: 1942
YP 22/23 BCP: 86 DC: 102
YP Target 23/24 BCP: 120 DC: 75

Continuity of care
22/23 BCP: 45.2% Dorset: 67.7%
24/25 Target: 75%
Increase in year BCP: 10%
DC: 22%



Drug related deaths
59 deaths in 2021
55 deaths in 2022 (provisional data)

Rehabilitation placements
22/23 BCP: 30 DC: 16
23/24 Target BCP: 30 DC: 16



*Numbers in treatment are figures published by National Drug Treatment Monitoring System and do not include those who do not consent to share their data. Actual numbers are slightly higher.

Pan-Dorset achievements



- Increased the numbers in treatment and met many of the Government targets
- Increased the number of individuals released from prison establishments engaging in treatment. In the first year of a three year ambition to get to 75%, BCP is at 45.2%, Dorset is at 67.7% while nationally the figure is 41.1%
- Preliminary data suggests there may have been a reduction in drug related deaths in 2022 across the pan Dorset region.
- Both areas delivered intensive support to adults who are homeless or at risk of homelessness with substance misuse issues utilising the Rough Sleeper Drug and Alcohol Treatment Grant
- Local Authority and NHS Dorset commissioners worked together with Providers to improve the provision for individuals who have mental health and substance misuse issues, including the refresh of an agreed pan Dorset protocol
- Negotiated that relevant treatment information will be included within the Dorset Care Record (DCR). First stage go live date is anticipated to be August 2023. The DCR holds health and social care information in one place enabling health and social care staff to provide coordinated and safe care.
- Established a task and finish group to improve criminal justice pathways and outcomes

Local achievements to date

Dorset