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# Approach to Tackling Illegal Drugs

## **Scrutiny Deep Dive**

### **April 2019**



#### What we did...



Review of data



Face to face consultation with substance misuse service users



Online public opinion survey



Focus groups with officers and staff



Engagement with service providers

### Why we did it...



Dyfed-Powys residents highlighted illegal drugs as their biggest concern

Priority within the Police and Crime Plan 2017-2021



Dyfed-Powys Police targeting of drug related organised crime.



National debate regarding the reclassification of illegal drugs



Increasing interest in the viability of Drug Consumption Rooms

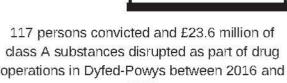
#### The facts:



128% increase in drug related deaths in Wales in 13 years

49% rise in trafficking offences in Dyfed-Powys from 2016 to 2018:





2019

PCC invested £435,000 into substance misuse treatment and diversionary activities last year





Police referrals into substance misuse services make up less than a quarter of all referrals

82% of individuals in treatment reduced their substance misuse





Pathfinder diversionary scheme reduced reoffending risk factors by 60%

### Our conclusions...

- · Dyfed-Powys Police is pro-active in tackling illegal drug trafficking;
- Substance misuse treatment and diversionary activities are underutilised by Dyfed-Powys Police;
- · Dyfed-Powys Police IT systems need to assist police officers in referring individuals into support services;
- There is a need for partners to explore the feasibility of Drug Consumption Rooms to address the impact of

drug related harm on the residents of Dyfed and Powys

## Our top recommendations...

- Engage with partners at an early planning phase of drug disruption operations
- Develop a consistent working protocol between Dyfed-Powys Police and substance misuse providers
- Implement the Pathfinder scheme across the whole of Dyfed-Powys
- Implement the two-tier out of court disposal model
- Review the potential impact of Drug Consumption Rooms on the communities of Dyfed-Powys

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