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# Approach to Tackling Illegal Drugs



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Scrutiny Deep Dive

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## 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:**



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%



117 persons convicted and £23.6 million of class A substances disrupted as part of drug operations in Dyfed-Powys between 2016 and 2019

## 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

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## Our top recommendations...

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

