

FAQs

Q1. Who are the members of Havering Combating Drugs Partnership and how often do they meet?

A1: The member organisations are as below. The Havering Combating Drugs Partnership meets quarterly.

Member Organisations/ Representatives of the Havering Combating Drugs Partnership

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LB Havering Public Health• LB Havering Elected member representatives for adults and children services• LB Havering Public Involvement Lead & Communities• Community Safety Partnership and Crime Prevention• Police and Crime Commissioner• Metropolitan Police• Probation Service• Integrated Offender Management and Serious Group Violence• Change, Grow, Live (Local Drug & Alcohol Service Provider)• North East London Foundation Trust• Barking Havering Redbridge University Trust A&E• Healthwatch	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• LB Havering Housing• Jobcentre Plus / DWP• LB Havering Adult Social Care• LB Havering Children Services• LB Havering Early Help• Schools and Education• Safeguarding Board• NHS NEL ICB• Local Pharmaceutical Committee• GP Representative• Voluntary Care Sector• Youth Justice Service• Service User with Lived Experience• Independent Domestic Violence Advocate• LB Havering Licensing Team• LB Havering Communications
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Q2. Why do we need such a strategy in Havering?

A2. Havering had a similar strategy called “Drug and Alcohol Harm Reduction Strategy 2016-19,” the revision of which was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, a new 10-year national drugs strategy called [‘From harm to hope: A 10-year drugs plan to cut crime and save lives’](#) was published by the government in December 2021. This strategy has been drafted in response to the national drugs strategy and to renew the previous Havering strategy.

Q3. Who will fund the implementation of the strategy?

A3. The strategy will not be singly owned by the Council. The member organisations of Havering Combating Drugs Partnership will use their existing resources to implement the strategy.

Q4. How many people in Havering regularly drink excessive amounts of alcohol and how many people use illicit drugs?

A4. The draft strategy describes some key findings from the needs assessment; it is estimated that 1 in 5 adults (around 41,000 people) in Havering drink excessive amount of alcohol and 14,000 16 to 74-year-olds use illicit drugs.

Q5. I know someone who cannot/ will not reduce the amount they drink or is addicted to drugs. Where should I ask them to seek help?

A5. Before you speak to someone who is struggling with drugs or alcohol, please read advice from this webpage: <https://www.changegrowlive.org/advice-info/family-friends>. When they are calm and able to listen to you, you can advise them to self-refer to Aspire Havering, run by Change-Grow-Live (CGL) - online (<https://www.changegrowlive.org/aspire-havering/referrals>), or by telephone 01708 747 614.

Q6. What will happen after the consultation on the new strategy?

Q6. Feedback from the consultation and engagement with service users will be incorporated into the final draft. Then the final draft will undergo an Equality Impact Assessment which will be added onto the final draft. Havering Combating Drugs Partnership will sign off the final draft before submission to Health and Wellbeing Board, Place-based Partnership and Cabinet for noting and approval.