

**Cabinet Response to Overview and Scrutiny Recommendations
Completed Action Plan**

Alcohol Related Violent Crime

In accordance with Section 122 of the Local Government and Public Involvement in Health Act 2007, Cabinet is required to provide a response to the recommendations of the Overview, Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee within 2 months. In providing this response Cabinet is asked to state whether or not it accepts each recommendation and the reasons for this decision. Cabinet must also indicate what action, if any, it proposes to take.

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Recommendation 1: That Cabinet ask the Domestic Abuse Strategic Commissioning Group to investigate ways of increasing the IDVA capacity in North Tyneside so that it is more in line with the recommended level.		Accept	Funding for additional capacity for IDVAs continues to be explored. Once the current contract ends at the end of March 2015 for the current service Public Health Grant is being used on a temporary basis to end the service up to the end of July 2015. There will be also opportunities to increase capacity as part of the commission of an integrated domestic violence service.
Recommendation 3: That Cabinet ask the Interim Housing Services Manager to explore the possibility of allocating up to two homes being built as part of the Quality Homes for Older People project, to be used for temporary emergency accommodation for older people fleeing domestic abuse.	Following discussion with Cllr John Harrison, Cabinet Member for Housing and Environment, it was agreed that further information is required. There is a lack of supporting evidence, which if provided would enable further enquiries to be made and discussions to take place with the Cabinet Member.	Accept	The possibility will be explored but Cabinet will wish to note the priority given to anyone fleeing domestic violence and the capacity in the existing housing stock.
Recommendation 4: That Cabinet ask the Director of Public Health to continue exploring a potential model		Accept	Discussions to take place with Northumbria Police, Community Rehabilitation Service and key providers with regard to the best service

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and commission a Perpetrator Programme in North Tyneside.			model. A literature review has already been completed regarding evidence base and best practice elsewhere. Funding identified from Public Health Grant for 2015-16.
Recommendation 5: That Cabinet ask the Head of Environment and Leisure to explore the possibility of providing leisure centre passes to victims of domestic abuse and their children whilst they are staying at the Harbour refuge, and extending this to victims of domestic abuse and their children accessing an outreach service.		Accept	The Sport and Leisure service will explore the options available and the practicalities of providing Leisure Centre passes as suggested through the Active North Tyneside initiative. This will be complete by April 2015. If this results in a budget pressure this will be reported back to Cabinet.
Recommendation 6: That Cabinet ask the Family Partner Team to ensure that when they identify families with alcohol problems and/or domestic abuse they are referred to the appropriate service.		Accept	This is done – also with other issues such as mental health. Management ensure Family Partner’s are doing this through regular 1:1 sessions with staff and team meetings.
Recommendation 7: That Cabinet ask the Director of Public Health to investigate the feasibility of establishing a pilot project to work with young people involved in alcohol related violence.		Accept	Intervention/ service model to be explored with Northumbria Police, Community Rehabilitation Service, Youth Offending Team and key CVS providers. This links to Recommendation 4 as service commissioned will be offered to people aged 16 and above
Recommendation 8: That Cabinet ask relevant officers to raise awareness of the support and help available to children and young people who are living in families		Accept	Information is provided on these issues appropriately for children and young people through their PSHE programme and pastoral support in schools. Specific support would be available to meet their identified needs in

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<p>where alcohol and domestic abuse is hidden, through providing information in young people's newsletters and PHSEe programmes.</p>			<p>an age-appropriate way. On alcohol (in risk-taking behaviour work) on domestic abuse (through the Expect Respect programme promoted in schools) and on the Violence Against Women and Girls work supported by Northumbria Police support, advice and guidance would be shared with pupils. In terms of newsletters for children and young people, the Kids Mags are co-ordinated and produced by them based on their agenda and information would be offered if requested.</p>
<p>Recommendation 9: That Cabinet ask the Director of Public Health to focus on alcohol related violence, in particular domestic abuse and the impact this has on family relationships and children during alcohol awareness week.</p>		Accept	<p>Alcohol Awareness Week took place between 17th and 21st November. Articles were placed in the press highlighting the impact on families and children and also the specific risks associated with young people consuming excessive amounts of alcohol with support offered to parents.</p>
<p>Recommendation 10: That Cabinet ask the Director of Public Health to produce a public health statement relating to alcohol misuse for inclusion in the Licensing Policy and where relevant any other Council policies.</p>		Accept	<p>This will be taken forward in line with the Licensing Policy review process. The next review date is 2019 however it is possible to bring this review forward where appropriate. The Director of Public Health has had input into the council's policy on dealing with substance misuse.</p>
<p>Recommendation 11: That the Elected Mayor and Director of Public Health continue to lobby and support the introduction of national minimum pricing.</p>		Accept	<p>Balance North East continues to lobby on behalf of all the North East councils. In addition the Cabinet Lead for Public Health will write to key ministers with regard to the introduction of minimum pricing and the impact on the local population. The Health</p>

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			and Wellbeing Board will also continue its lobbying and support for minimum pricing.
<p>Recommendation 12: That Cabinet ask the Public Protection Manager to include an annual article in the resident's newsletter 'Our North Tyneside' to raise public awareness of the alcohol exclusion zones in North Tyneside.</p>	<p>Raising public awareness of alcohol exclusion zones is accepted as being a positive action. However, a more comprehensive approach can be adopted rather than solely arranging for an annual article to be published.</p>	<p>Accept in principle, subject to amendment.</p>	<p>The Head of Environment and Leisure, in consultation with the relevant Cabinet Member agree a package of measures to promote public awareness of alcohol exclusion zones and these to be agreed by the end of January 2015.</p>