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HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE NEEDS OF HUNTINGDON BOROUGH

Drug and Substance Abuse



Huntingdon

- ❑ Huntingdon is a market urban center
- ❑ The current population of the town is estimated at 24,801 with 12,273 males and 12,528 females.
- ❑ Huntingdon is multi-religious with Christians, Muslims, Hindus, Sikhs, Buddhists and Jewish residents.
- ❑ It is dominated by Whites, followed by Asians then blacks.
- ❑ A huge segment of its population as teens and youths.

The issue in Huntingdon

Drug and substance abuse in Huntingdon

- Huntingdon harbors an increasing trend of drug and substance abuse
- Alcohol abuse is a major problem throughout the community because it is available over the counter
- Huntingdon police records an increasing number of drink-driving.
- The Hunts Post continue to report increasing stories of drug dealers selling crack and heroin in the area despite the Council having a 'no-tolerance' policy to drugs and alcohol rule breaches.





Drug and substance abuse: Legislations and Policy

- Misuse of Drugs Act 1971
- Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001
- Act 2016
- Zero-tolerance drug police

Internal and external communications in the community on drugs and substance abuse recommend

- Community groups (religious groups, sports groups, schools etc.), healthcare services and use of posters.
- Resource Kit
- User Journey
- Local radio
- Social Media Videos:



Technologies in Use

- ❑ Online recovery groups
- ❑ Online forums
- ❑ Artificial intelligence and virtual therapeutic software
- ❑ M-health and virtual reality software
- ❑ Neurofeedback therapy



Recommendation and Conclusion

Huntingdon needs theoretically supported approach to address drug and substance abuse as a way of supporting health and social well-being of its community.

The need for a comprehensive drug and substance abuse awareness program is paramount.

Such a program aims to educate, prevent, and support individuals in making informed choices and accessing necessary resources.

By raising awareness, empowers individuals to recognize the risks, understand the consequences, and take preventive actions.

Helpline Numbers:

- National Helpline for Substance Abuse: [0300 123 6600]
- Mental Health Crisis Hotline: [0800 915 4644]
- Local Addiction Helpline: [0300 555 0101]
- Counseling and Treatment Centers:

CASUS; UKAT; Change Grow Live; Liberty House Clinic; Primrose Lodge; Banbury Loge; AA Meeting Huntingdon;



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