



Pan-London Continuity of Care and Substance Misuse Toolkit

Office of Health Improvement and Disparities (OHID) London Alcohol Drugs and Tobacco team, part of the Department of Health and Social Care (DHSC), are delighted to announce the launch of the pan-London Continuity of Care and Substance Misuse Toolkit.

The toolkit was commissioned and developed by the multi-partner London Criminal Justice Substance Misuse Board, under the governance of the London Drugs Forum which is led by the Greater London Authority (GLA) and the Mayor's Office for Police and Crime (MOPAC). Key stakeholders who collaborated to produce the toolkit include people with Lived Experience, NHSE London, His Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, His Majesty's Court and Tribunal Service, local authority commissioner and provider representatives, prison healthcare, pharmacy and substance misuse service representatives, Metropolitan Police and Department of Work and Pension representatives.

The toolkit forms a key part of the OHID London work programme to improve the rate at which people leaving prison with an ongoing drug and alcohol need go on to rapidly engage with community drug and alcohol treatment and recovery services. Evidence suggests that engaging with treatment on release reduces the risk of health-related harms and drug related deaths, as well as reducing the risk of reoffending, making communities safer.

The toolkit is for use by strategic and operational partners working in this space and aims to address the barriers to continuity of care between prison and community settings. A key aim is to standardise, align and simplify processes between prison and community services across London, clarifying role expectations and placing the person leaving prison at the heart of the pathway, reducing organisational barriers to provide the best support possible.

The toolkit components include:

- 1. The London Information Exchange Form (LIEF)** The new pan-London LIEF is designed to trigger two-way communication, information sharing and an active referral process between prisons and community substance misuse teams. The LIEF will replace other referral forms from 1 April 2026 and will be used by all prison and community teams. [Click to access](#)
- 2. Pan London Prescribing Framework** outlines the steps that community and prison teams should take to optimise effective continuity of Opioid Substitution prescribing between prison and community settings. Focusing on rapid clinical information exchange and clarification of respective roles and activities, the framework expands the use of FP10s (bridging scripts) for people going to Court without a community appointment and strengthens the use of pharmacy networks in the treatment pathway when managing FP10s. [Click to access](#)
- 3. Enhanced Treatment Offer Audit Checklist** is for use by Local Authority commissioned treatment and recovery providers. It outlines the best practice elements of a warm, personalised and attractive treatment and recovery offer for people with a substance misuse need leaving prison based on Lived Experience and partnership feedback. The checklist will form of an Association of Directors of Public Health (ADPH) London performance improvement programme in 2026/27 including workshops and peer learning. [Click to access](#)
- 4. [Lived Experience engagement report and recommendations](#)**