

Special CAT Meeting  
Town Centre Drug Misuse  
12 June 2019

# Welcome



Meeting Chairman  
Councillor Tom Davies

# Introduction



Councillor Seán Woodward

Executive Leader of  
Fareham Borough Council

# Why we are here this evening – the agenda

- Responding to resident and business contacts about town centre drug misuse
- We want to listen to your concerns and views
- Explain how community safety partners are working together to tackle the problem and future plans
- Discuss how you can help



# Residents and businesses are telling us that they are most affected by...

- Criminal activities:
  - Damage to property
  - Shop lifting
- Drug taking and dealing in public
- Begging
- Littering:
  - Drug paraphernalia
  - Bodily fluids
  - Excrement



# Contributory factors

- Fareham is safe and prosperous – an attractive place to come to for drug users
- Generosity of residents and businesses – helping beggars and street homeless
- Numbers of drug users – as one is moved on, another takes their place



# Tackling the issue – the Council

- Monthly multi-agency Partnership Action Group facilitated by Community Safety Team
- Enforcement Team
- Remove litter and belongings
- Lock down car parks in the evening
- CCTV
- Street Aid



# Local Police



Inspector Sarah Nicholson



# Tackling the issue – the Police

- Tackling issues in the town centre around Anti-Social Behaviour and use of drugs is our Policing Priority
- In the last two weeks, two separate seizures of drugs and three people arrested for drug supply offences
- Pursuing Criminal Behaviour Orders in Court for two aggressive beggars; one person currently in prison for Breaching an Order
- Working with the businesses in the town centre to strengthen Banning Orders





Jason Campbell

# Tackling the issue - Inclusion

- Information and Advice
- Substitute Prescribing
- Needle exchange & harm minimisation
- Wellbeing and Blood Bourne Virus screening & treatment
- Group Work programs
- 1-1 support
- Peer support
- Bespoke recovery planning
- Detox
- Family Support
- In reach (QA)
- Outreach services



# How residents and businesses can help

- Report information to the Police
- Don't give to/support street homeless/beggars – however hard it seems
- Donate to local charities working with rough sleepers:
  - One Community
  - Acts of Kindness
  - Two Saints
- Tell us where there is a problem



# Next steps

- We will act on what you've told us (within current powers)
- Provide a local Police contact point [fareham.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:fareham.police@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)
- Provide Two Saints local point for Fareham & Gosport Outreach [Fareham&GosportOutreach@twosaints.org.uk](mailto:Fareham&GosportOutreach@twosaints.org.uk)



# Open Forum

- Your views and questions
- Speak to agencies here today

