

**Public health update on alcohol harms and review of alcohol licensing outcomes in Glasgow City - Verbal update noted etc.**

3 The Forum and Board heard a joint verbal report by Gillian Ferguson and Dr Daniel Carter, NHS Greater Glasgow and Clyde, providing a public health update on alcohol and drug harms Glasgow City, advising

- (1) of an update on the Naloxone programme, in particular, highlighting that
  - (a) the target for roll out of kits was 4,000 and that at Quarter 4 89% of kits had been provided; and
  - (b) information on how employees and members of the public could access naloxone training was available;
- (2) that the Service had seen a shift in various trends in drug and alcohol use, in particular to
  - (a) the increase in and very high prevalence of cocaine and poly drug use; and
  - (b) the increase use of inhalation pipes used to smoke cocaine, and that the Service continued to work with partners to raise awareness;
- (3) the progress of the WAND initiative (Would care, Assessment of injecting, Naloxone and Dried blood-spot test);
- (4) of an update on the Thistle institution, in particular, highlighting
  - (a) that 522 individuals had used the facility since it opened;
  - (b) 9,300 attendances at the facility had been recorded; and
  - (c) over 6,000 needles had been disposed of safely; and
- (5) that the Service continued to promote support available for vulnerable people and their parents and carers.

After consideration, the Forum and Board noted that the Service

- (i) continued to engage with the local community, businesses and partners regarding mis-information that had been circulated on social media regarding the Thistle institute;
- (ii) liaised with Scottish Ambulance Service to follow up non-fatal overdose cases and provide support; and
- (iii) continued their drive to eradicate child poverty.

