



Hillingdon Partners Executive
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Hillingdon Khat Report – LSP Response

LSP Executive Statement

'The LSP Executive notes the findings of the report and agrees that it provides a valuable insight into the use of Khat, its origins and the potential health and social effects of high misuse.'

Partners identified that the effects of high Khat misuse are localised in Hillingdon, centred around Hayes and some of the surrounding areas. The view however, is that there is limited evidence on the real extent of these issues effect Hillingdon's families and communities.

In order to address the issues raised in the report, the LSP Executive will;

- review scale and scope of evidence available on Khat use in Hillingdon through the Joint Strategic Needs Assessment.*
- through the Health and Wellbeing Board, review as part of a three year commissioning plan, how Ethnic Alcohol Counselling Hounslow (EACH) services are providing support to individuals and families affected by high Khat misuse as part of the wider Drug and Alcohol Services programme in Hillingdon.*
- through the Strong and Active Communities Partnership, explore how local agencies and front line services promote awareness of Khat, the impacts of high Khat misuse and provide access to support from mainstream services.*