

Health and Social Care Cabinet Member Report

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Knowsley Road Health & Well Being Centre

As part of a National Treatment Agency - National Drug System Change Pilot Programme, Sefton Drug Action Team is in the process of re-configuring its drug treatment system. By undertaking a full scale programme of change and modernization it will ensure people with a substance misuse problem have a greater choice of services available to them, a greater chance of recovering and leading lives free of illicit drugs and a greater opportunity of re-integration back into mainstream society.

At the heart of the new treatment system is the new **Health and Well Being Centre on Knowsley Road**. This is the **Single Point of Assessment (SPOA)** acting as the gateway to a range of treatment services within the borough. The project is staffed by a social work team from the Social Care and Wellbeing Directorate and they will carry out a comprehensive assessment of needs, drawing up an individualised care plan and referring to the most appropriate services. These services will include:

- counselling and brief interventions
- harm reduction services, primary health care
- substitute prescribing
- community and residential detoxification and rehabilitation services
- abstinence based programmes
- aftercare services and a full spectrum of mainstream health and social care services

A housing and welfare rights team are on site to support service users with accommodation and welfare issues and through JCP initiatives and learning mentors support is offered with employment and training opportunities. A team of volunteer treatment mentors are based in the building to help support client's make the right treatment choices and support them moving through the treatment system.

The service operates on a drop in or appointment basis. Contact details below:

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