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Our plan to help people who have been affected by drugs or alcohol

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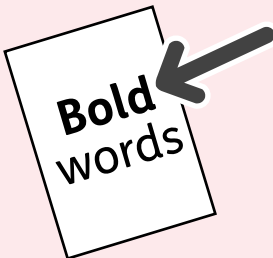
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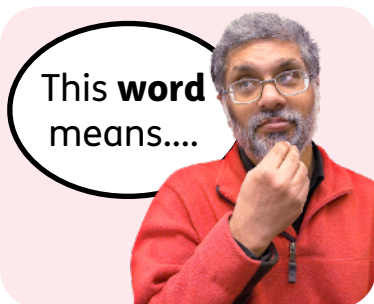
This is an Easy Read version of some information. It may not include all of the information but it will tell you about the important parts.



This Easy Read booklet uses easier words and pictures. Some people may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker. These are important words in the booklet.



Sometimes if a bold word is hard to understand, we will explain what it means.



Blue and underlined words show links to websites and email addresses. You can click on these links on a computer.

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You can fill in a quick survey to say what you think about this Easy Read booklet:

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About this booklet



This booklet is from Bristol City Council.

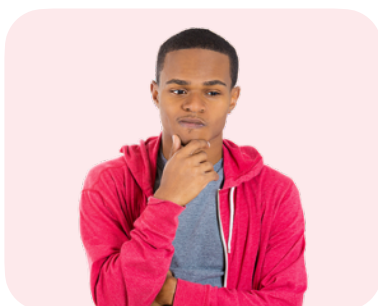
It is an Easy Read copy of our plan to:



- Reduce the number of people in Bristol who are harmed because of drugs and alcohol.



- Help people in Bristol who have been affected by drugs or alcohol.



We will ask you what you think of our plan throughout the booklet.

About the plan



We have written our plan with help from our **Lived-Experience Recovery Organisation**.

A **Lived-Experience Recovery Organisation** is a group run by people who have been affected by drugs or alcohol.



Our plan has different parts, like a vision, principles, priorities and goals.



We will explain them all later in the booklet.

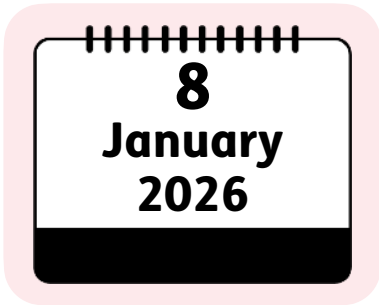


Throughout the booklet, there will also be questions for you to answer.

The questions will ask you what you think about the different parts of our plan.



You can skip any questions that you do not want to answer.

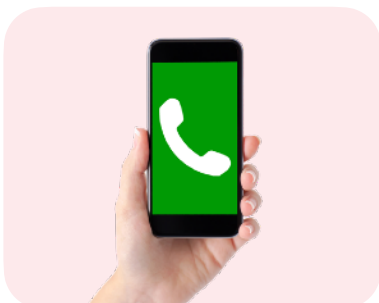


You have until midnight on 8 January 2026 to send us your answers to these questions.

If you need the questions in a different format, like in braille or a different language, you can contact us by:



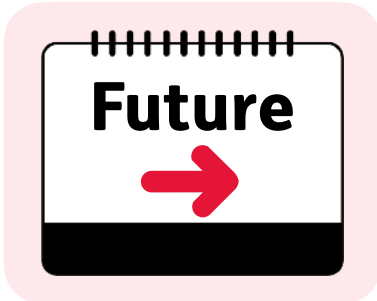
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Our plan

Our vision



Our **vision** is how we want things to be in the future.

Our vision is for Bristol to be a city where:



- Everyone works together to reduce the number of people who are harmed because of drugs and alcohol.



- People learn and understand more about drugs and alcohol.



- There are good services for anyone who has problems with drugs or alcohol.



Question 1: Do you agree or disagree with our vision?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 2: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with our vision:

Large empty rectangular box with a red border for providing answers to Question 2.

Our principles



Our **principles** are our ways of working that will help us to make sure our vision happens.

Question 3: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree that our principles are the right principles for us to follow:



a. Always being sensitive to people who have gone through hard things in their lives.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



b. Speaking up about drugs and alcohol so that people understand them better.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Including people who have been affected by drugs or alcohol in our work.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Thinking about **accessibility** when we make decisions.

Accessibility is about making sure services are easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Collecting and using information to help us make good decisions.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





f. Celebrating all different backgrounds.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



g. Working well with other organisations.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 4: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with our principles:

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Our priorities



Our **priorities** are the important things we will do to make sure our vision happens.

Question 5: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree that our 6 priorities are the right priorities for our plan:



1. Stop and reduce the number of people who are harmed because of drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



2. Remove barriers that stop some people who have problems with drugs or alcohol from getting the help they need.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





3. Keep children and young people safe from being harmed by drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



4. Provide good drug and alcohol services.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





5. Help to stop **health inequality**, which can lead people to crime and problems with drugs and alcohol.

Health inequality is when some groups of people have worse health than others.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



6. Make sure we carry on supporting people who have problems with drugs or alcohol in the future.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 6: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with our priorities:

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Our goals for priority 1



Remember, priority 1 is to reduce the number of people who are harmed because of drugs and alcohol.

Question 7: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



a. Use information to make our services better.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



b. Act quickly to any new drug problems and stop people dying from drugs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Work with other teams in the council to make public spaces safer and free from drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Work with local groups and Avon and Somerset Police to reduce the harm caused by drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Use our powers as a local council to stop drugs and alcohol from having a bad effect on neighbourhoods.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





f. Help people know more about the harm that drugs and alcohol can cause.

We will do this by sharing information and holding events.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Our goals for priority 2



Remember, priority 2 is to remove barriers that stop some people who have problems with drugs or alcohol from getting the help they need.

Question 8: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



a. Make it easier for people from all backgrounds to get help with problems to do with drugs or alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





b. Make sure people who have problems with drugs or alcohol get healthcare and support with their **mental health**.

Mental health is about how you think and feel.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



c. Help people get a home and keep their home.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Our goals for priority 3



Remember, priority 3 is to keep children and young people safe from being harmed by drugs and alcohol.

Question 9: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



- a. Make sure children and young people understand the harm drugs and alcohol can cause.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



- b. Support children and young people to have good mental health so that they make good choices about using drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Help children and young people with drug and alcohol problems as soon as possible.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Support children and young people whose parents or carers use drugs or alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Make sure there are safe places in every area for young people to talk about their worries about drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





f. Find and support young people who might be at more risk of using drugs or alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



g. Protect children and young people from being used to sell drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Our goals for priority 4



Remember, priority 4 is to provide good drug and alcohol services.

Question 10: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



- a. Provide different kinds of treatments that meet people's needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



- b. Make sure that people from all backgrounds can easily use our services.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Support the families and carers of people who are getting help from our drug and alcohol services.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Have professional staff who have the right skills to help people who have problems with drugs or alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



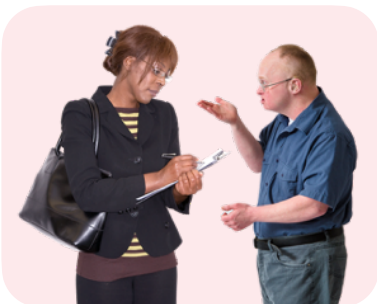
Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Help services and organisations understand more about drug and alcohol problems and help them meet people's needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





f. Work with different organisations to make sure we are always learning and improving our services.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Our goals for priority 5



Remember, priority 5 is to help stop health inequality, which can lead people to crime and problems with drugs and alcohol.

Question 11: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



- a. Protect **vulnerable** adults from being used by people to sell drugs and alcohol.

Vulnerable means you might need help and support to stay safe and well.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



- b. Stop serious criminals who sell a lot of drugs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Support less serious criminals to stop committing crimes and going to prison.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Stop violence against women and girls that involves drugs or alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Help people who are leaving prison to stay safe from the harm that drugs and alcohol can cause.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Our goals for priority 6



Remember, priority 6 is to make sure we carry on supporting people who have problems with drugs or alcohol in the future.

Question 12: Please tell us whether you agree or disagree with our goals to do this:



- a. Make sure our Lived Experience Recovery Organisation carries on.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



- b. Help people get back into work or education.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





c. Help more people to know about groups that can support them in getting better after having problems with drugs and alcohol.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



d. Set up a program where people who have got better after having problems with drugs or alcohol help train health care staff.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



e. Make sure people get the help they need when they leave treatment.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





f. Help everyone in Bristol understand what having problems with drugs and alcohol is like.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Your suggestions and comments



Question 13: Please tell us why you agree or disagree with any of our goals.

You can also suggest any goals that you think we have missed:

Questions about you



We would like to ask you some questions about yourself.



This will help us make sure we are listening to people from lots of different backgrounds.



You do not have to answer any of the questions about yourself if you do not want to.



We will keep any personal information you give us safe.



Question 14: Are you...

You can tick as many answers as you like.

Someone who lives in Bristol

Working in Bristol but living somewhere else

Answering these questions for a local business

Someone who has had problems with drugs and/or alcohol

The family member of someone who has had problems with drugs and/or alcohol

Using the drugs and alcohol services in Bristol

Working for a drugs and alcohol service

Answering these questions for a housing association

Answering these questions for a community organisation

A councillor

An MP

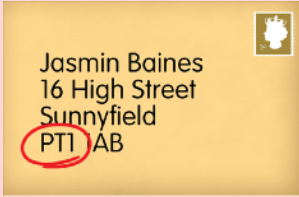
Answering these questions for a health or social care service

Answering these questions for a school or college

Answering these questions for a transport company

A worker at Bristol City Council

Other - please tell us here:



Question 15: What is your postcode?

If you are filling out this survey for an organisation, please give the postcode of the organisation's building.



Question 16: How old are you?

I do not want to say



Question 17: Are you disabled?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 18: What is your ethnic group?

Your **ethnic group** means your race, background, or the country you or your family come from.

Asian or Asian British

Black, Black British, Caribbean or African

Gypsy, Roma or Traveller

More than 1 ethnic background

White British

Other White background

I do not want to say

Any other ethnic background - please tell us here:



Question 19: What is your religion?

No religion

Buddhist

Christian

Hindu

Jewish

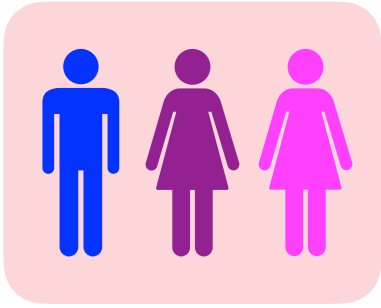
Muslim

Pagan

Sikh

I do not want to say

Any other religion - please tell us here:



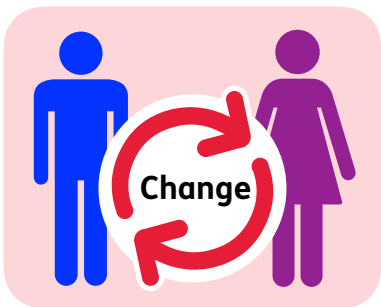
Question 20: What is your sex?

Female

Male

I do not want to say

Other - please tell us here:



Question 21a: Have you changed your gender since you were born?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 21b: If you said “Yes” to Question 21a, please tell us how you would describe your gender here:



Question 22: Are you...

Bisexual - you are attracted to both men and women.

Gay or lesbian - you are attracted to people who are the same gender as you.

Heterosexual or straight - you are attracted to people who are the opposite gender to you.

I do not want to say.

Other - please tell us here:



Question 23: Are you pregnant or do you have a new baby?

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 24: Are you a **carer**?

A **carer** is anyone who gives support to a family member or friend without getting paid.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 25: Have you spent any time in foster care, a children's home, or got support from a leaving care service?

This includes being adopted or coming to the UK as a child refugee.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 26: Are you a refugee or asylum seeker?

A **refugee or asylum seeker** is someone who has left their own country and asks to live in a new country.

Yes

No

I do not want to say



Question 27a: Do you think you will be affected by our plan because of who you are? Like your sex or ethnicity.

I would be affected in a very bad way

I would be affected in a bad way

I would not be affected

I would be affected in a good way

I would be affected in a very good way



Question 27b: If you think our plan would affect you, please tell us how it would affect you here:

Make our surveys better



Question 28a: Do you agree or disagree that you have had enough information to answer the questions?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



Question 28b: Do you agree or disagree that having these questions has made it easy for you to say what you think?

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot





Question 28c: Do you agree or disagree that this survey is **accessible** to you?

Accessible means it is easy to use and suitable for people with different needs.

Agree a lot



Agree



Neither



Disagree



Disagree a lot



If you ticked 'disagree' or 'disagree a lot' for any of these questions, please tell us why:

What happens next



We will look at what you and others have said about our plan.



This will help us to change our plan if we need to.



The final copy of our plan will be finished by 2026.

Find out more



To find out more, please email us:

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