



South London Landscape Alcohol Theme

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South London and Alcohol

- The Boroughs of South London range widely in demographic and physical make up
- Overall South London has lower rates of alcohol related hospital admissions (ARHAs) and alcohol related violence than the worst rated areas in the rest of London and the rest of England
- Alcohol related crime and violence remains an issue, but not above average levels of England overall
- Alcohol related sexual violence higher than England average
- South London shows similar burden on NHS services as England averages – alcohol related attendances at A&E and the resources taken up by alcohol related repeat attendances

Alcohol related hospital admissions

- 2/3rds of South London boroughs have seen an increase in the last year
- In last five years – most boroughs have seen a decrease in under 18 AHRAs – one borough has halved, one borough remains steady
- All boroughs have seen a five year steady increase in AHRAs for both men and women, one borough has seen AHRAs double for women in this period
- Although it is good to see under 18 admissions decreasing, the steady increase in over 18 admissions remains a cause for concern

Alcohol related assaults

- Alcohol related violent assaults have decreased in 2/3rds of South London boroughs over 5 years, with 1/3 remaining steady
- However sexual alcohol related sexual assaults have increased in half of South London boroughs, with a decrease in only one borough
- Despite some positive trends in violent assault, significant concern remains for sexual assaults

Its a priority in South London

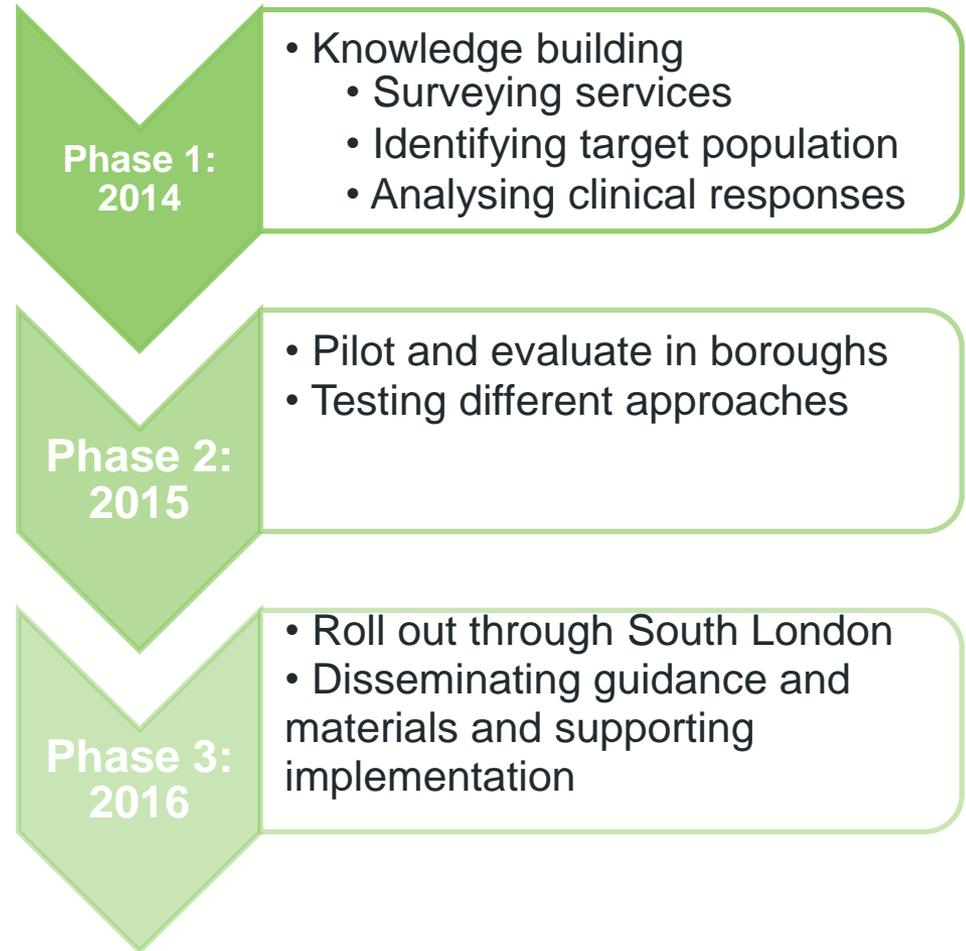
- Half of all Health and Wellbeing Boards have identified alcohol as a priority
- Kings Health Partners have developed a strategy for reducing alcohol related harm across South London
- Croydon has been successful in becoming a Home Office led Local Alcohol Action Area

What is the HIN planning to do?

- Working closely with the CLAHRC to apply research effectively
- Working closely with partners across South London to develop, pilot and implement innovation
- Support and contribute to evaluation
- Provide guidance, best practice examples and develop and support networks

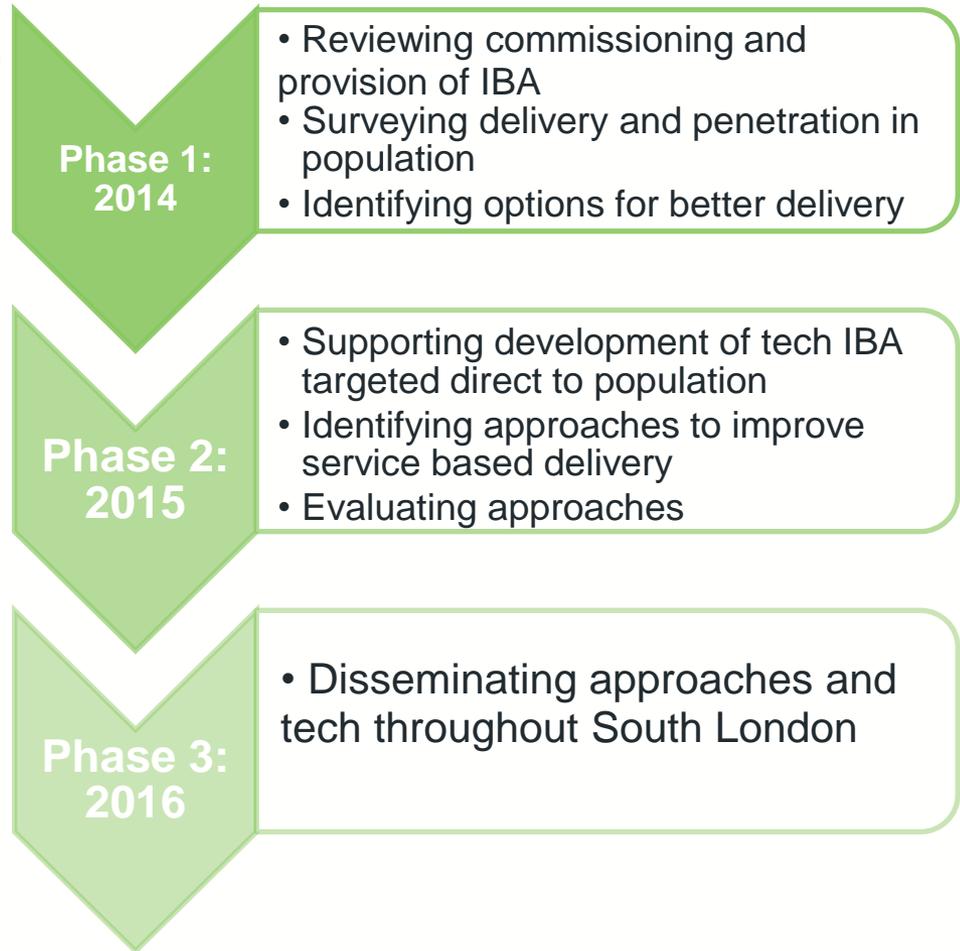
Project 1: Alcohol-related Frequent Attenders

- To reduce alcohol related harm by identifying early intervention points for Alcohol-related Frequent Attenders (AFAs) and ensuring services for them are appropriately aligned
- Phase 1 components include
 - Commissioning and service review
 - Data analysis to increase understanding of intervention points
 - Evaluating outreach service models
- Building on existing and new research and pilots to provide a cohesive model and tools



Project 2: Identification and Brief Advice

- To reduce alcohol related harm by developing guidance, techniques, approaches, systems and evidence for IBA to be used effectively at a population level
- Phase 1 components include:
 - Reviewing existing commissioning and delivery
 - Survey delivery and penetration in population
 - Examine existing new options for delivery – including app based technologies
- Aim to address existing barriers to delivery: examining direct to population models of intervention



Project 3: Improvement against NICE guidelines

- We are looking to develop a project to provide a partnership resource to work with service providers on improving service delivery against NICE guidelines
- Possible further partnership working within London

Bringing South London together to reduce alcohol related harm

- We are looking to South London Partners to be part of this work
- Bringing together networks of experience, expertise and capability to make real improvements
- Sharing the learning across South London and beyond

Conclusions

- It is still a major issue for South Londoners
- It is a priority for a range of partners across South London
- There are some real early gains that can be made
- Research and health sciences can be applied practically to make a difference