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East Berkshire Combatting Drugs Partnership

Jason Kew, Berkshire East Combatting Drugs Partnership Lead

Highlights from the East Berkshire Combatting Drugs Partnership include:

- Thames Valley Police has awarded Turning Point in Slough £10,000 under the winter ASB campaign. This activity seeks to achieve a reduction in street drinking and retail crime through enhancing treatment outcomes for those high priority individuals. Turning Point has recruited a dedicated Criminal Justice Agency Worker to provide targeted support and proactive engagement for Op Catalyst nominals.
- Drug alerts - January saw 2 drug alerts in Slough, the first linked to a number of users overdoses linked to the potent synthetic Xylazine - a powerful stimulant causing notably significant wounds after injection. The second alert linked to a fatality involving 'yellow' cocaine. Analysis later confirmed no other contaminants. Report to the coroner awaits toxicology and cause of death.
- Turning Point in Slough have been enhancing their service with the following activities - Social media awareness, a new Ketamine referral pathway, Dry January campaign support, Hep B/C vaccinations, GP Wellness hubs, Nurse outreach including wound care, Drug awareness leafletting for professionals.

Healthwatch

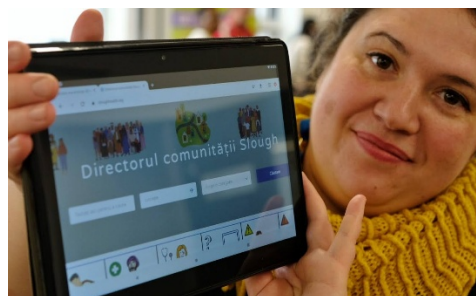
Claire Shropshall, Healthwatch East Berkshire Manager

Healthwatch East Berkshire (Slough, Windsor, Ascot and Maidenhead & Bracknell Forest) is currently working with commissioners to mobilise a new contract and remains committed to delivering high-quality service for residents of Slough and beyond. We carried out an Enter and View visit at Oxford House Care Home at the end of October with a focus on independence and choice. A full report outlining our findings and the recommendations we have made to the care home is available on our website, and we will re-visit later in the year to follow up and note any progress made.

Slough CVS

Asma Aziz, CEO for Slough CVS

Faith Compact: Secured funding from Slough Borough Council (The King's Fund) to develop a Faith Compact with local faith groups. 100+ partners engaged at the February Community Forum; drafting now underway.



Community Events: Delivered a December Information and Advice Fair with 50+ organisations, connecting residents, professionals and services.

Wellbeing for Slough Directory: Now lists 172 groups and 300+ activities; widely used by Community Connectors and Social Prescribers.

Volunteering: Developing pathways with Jobcentre Plus and expanding youth volunteering via Simply Connect.



NHS Frimley Immunisation Campaign (Apr 2025–Jan 2026): Promoting Flu, Covid and childhood vaccinations at community events and signposting to wider health services.

Pride and Place Funding: Represented Slough nationally at the Pride and Place conference, delivering a workshop to 100+ local authorities on effective partnership working with infrastructure organisations — raising Slough's profile as a model of collaboration. £250k capital funding has been allocated to local voluntary and community partners, with Expressions of Interest now live to support community-led improvements.

#OneSlough Awards: 230+ attendees in November; returning this year with June nominations.



