



HM Prison &  
Probation Service

# Health and Justice

**Supporting Continuity of Care of drug and alcohol treatment for people leaving prison**

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# What is the Reducing Reoffending Accelerator Project?

- The Prime Minister launched the Criminal Justice Taskforce in 2020. As part of this, he focused Government on three priority reducing reoffending areas:
  - Accommodation
  - Employment
  - Substance Misuse
- Funding was released to design, implement and test new ways of improving the support provided to people in prison, helping them to desist from crime on release and to rebuild their lives.
- Subsequently a number of new posts have been introduced to improve the support prison leavers:
  - Accommodation
  - Employment
  - Health and Justice
  - Neurodiversity



# Year 1 Priorities

Substance Misuse

Partnerships and Pathways

Mental Health

Health Inequalities

Preventing victims by changing lives

# Strategic Goals and Government Targets/Commitments

## From Harm to Hope/Continuity of Care

1. Address health and social care related drivers of offending behaviour.

2. Develop robust pathways into services for people on probation, including improving continuity of care between custody and the community.

3. Improve the health and wellbeing of people on probation and contribute to reducing health inequalities and disparities.

1. 75% of adults successfully starting community treatment within 3 weeks of release from prison. This is often referred to as the 'continuity of care' target.

2. Engagement in the new Combatting Drugs Partnerships, which report on the delivery of the 10-Year Drug Strategy.

3. Uplift in all CSTRs, min 30% uplift of DRRs and ATRs from levels in 2021/22.

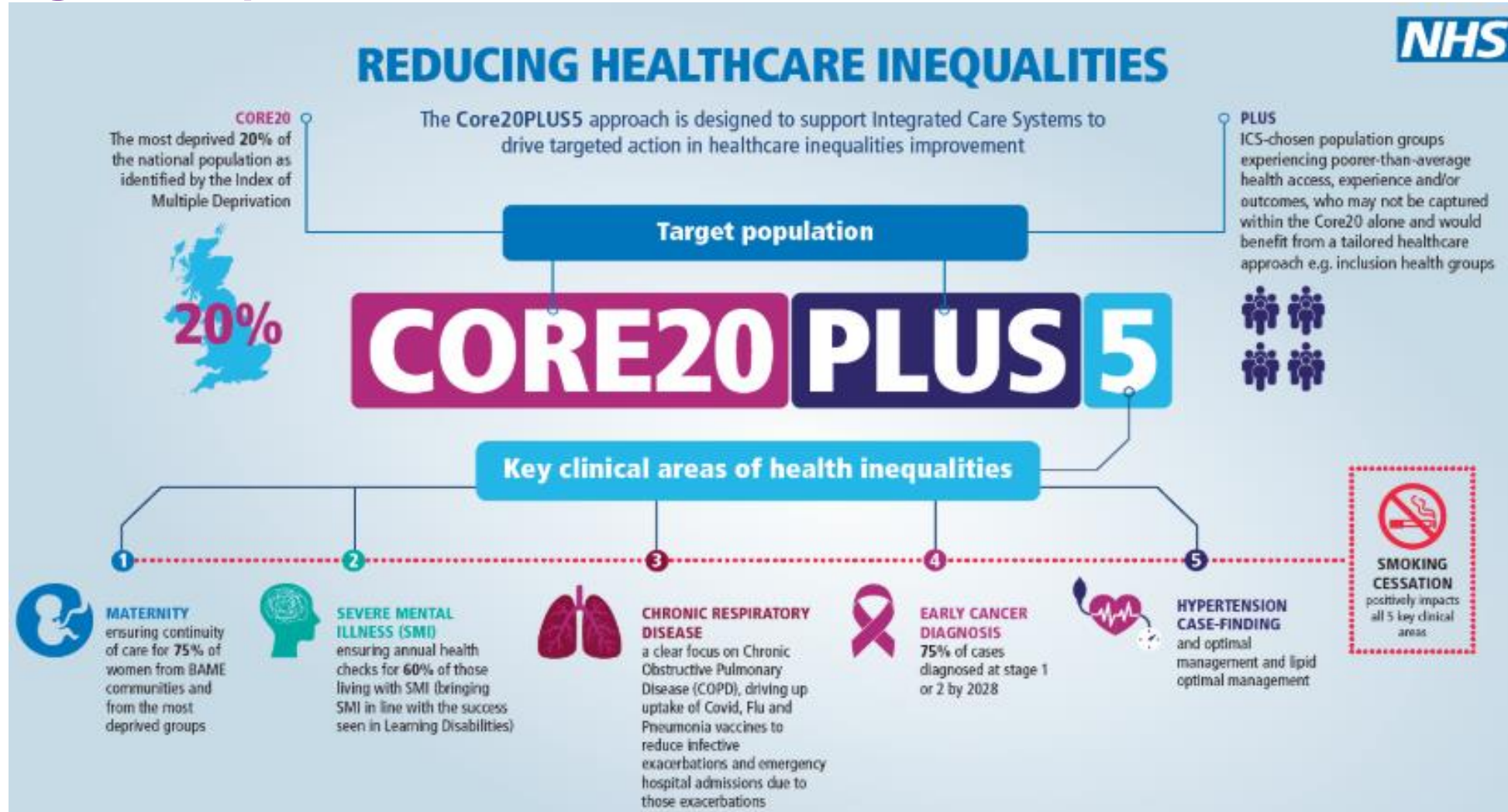
# What are the priorities?

- Delivering on the Cross Government Drug Strategy [H&J funding provided via this]
- Mapping local specialist provision, e.g. services supporting autism, neurodiversity, local charities [PoPs and families] and helping practitioners understand how to access it.
- Delivering on the continuity of care target [people in treatment in prison referred to a community provider from prison access community treatment with 3 weeks of release]
- Uplift across all CSTRs, ATR's/DRRs etc
- Improving the use of drug testing on licences and DRRs
- Supporting Probation's involvement in local Combating Drugs Partnerships
- Reducing Drug related deaths – Continuity of Care
- Supporting the delivery of substance misuse services in regions – improving relationships with substance misuse providers, e.g. co-location in offices, on the day access to assessments for PSRs/Reintroduction of court workers, TOA increase etc

## Ways of Working – The How bit !

- Build and influence local partnerships, e.g., local Integrated Care Partnership Boards & Combating Drugs Partnership Boards.
- Working with prison estates to understand the specific changes from each establishment/area. Work together to try and address this.
- Using performance data to drive activity/evidence led – Probation segmentation data/NDTMS/Prison etc
- Be a strong source of regional / local expertise for Probation
- Drive opportunities for local innovation and cultural change[e.g., the impact of health inequality on our PoPs/impact of poverty]. This is not about ‘offender health’ but the wider poverty related impacts and health inequalities.
- Engage with local Probation Delivery Units to identify gaps/challenges, work together to develop pathways. Support implementation of the Dependency and Recovery monies, support development of these posts.
- Work with Reconnect to develop pathways and establish good practice. GP registration/support (Altcourse Hub)

# Bridging the Gap





# Delivery in focus

The HMPPS Reducing Reoffending Directorate will provide additional resource for each theme, they will work with prisons to address some of the key challenges, perennial problems and opportunities within each prison, developing related toolkits, testing and refining their roles throughout.

## Accommodation & Employment

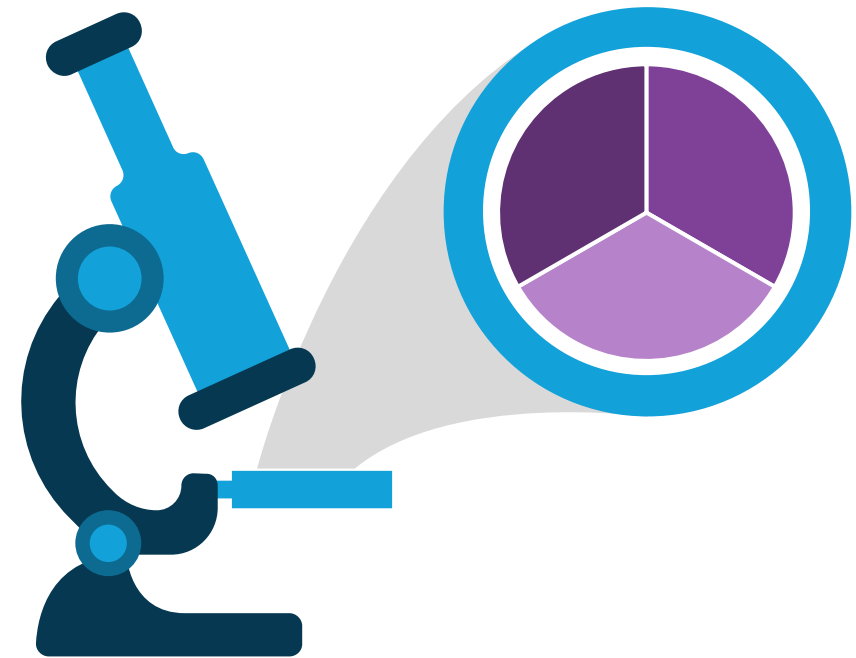
- Reduce number of prison leavers released with no fixed abode – CAS3/LA meetings
- Introduce housing specialist, strengthening partnerships with key stakeholders.
- Trial (1) an Employment Lead role in each prison, alongside (2) an Employment Hub approach, which mirrors community-based job centres.
- Provide greater strategic direction and ensuring prison leavers are matched to appropriate job vacancies. New Futures Network

## Education/Neurodiversity

- Review and improve the prison education offer.
- Expand learning beyond the classroom into workshops and digital platforms.
- Strengthen educational support provided to those with neurodiversity needs, and making the education journey more consistent.

## Health and Justice/Substance Misuse

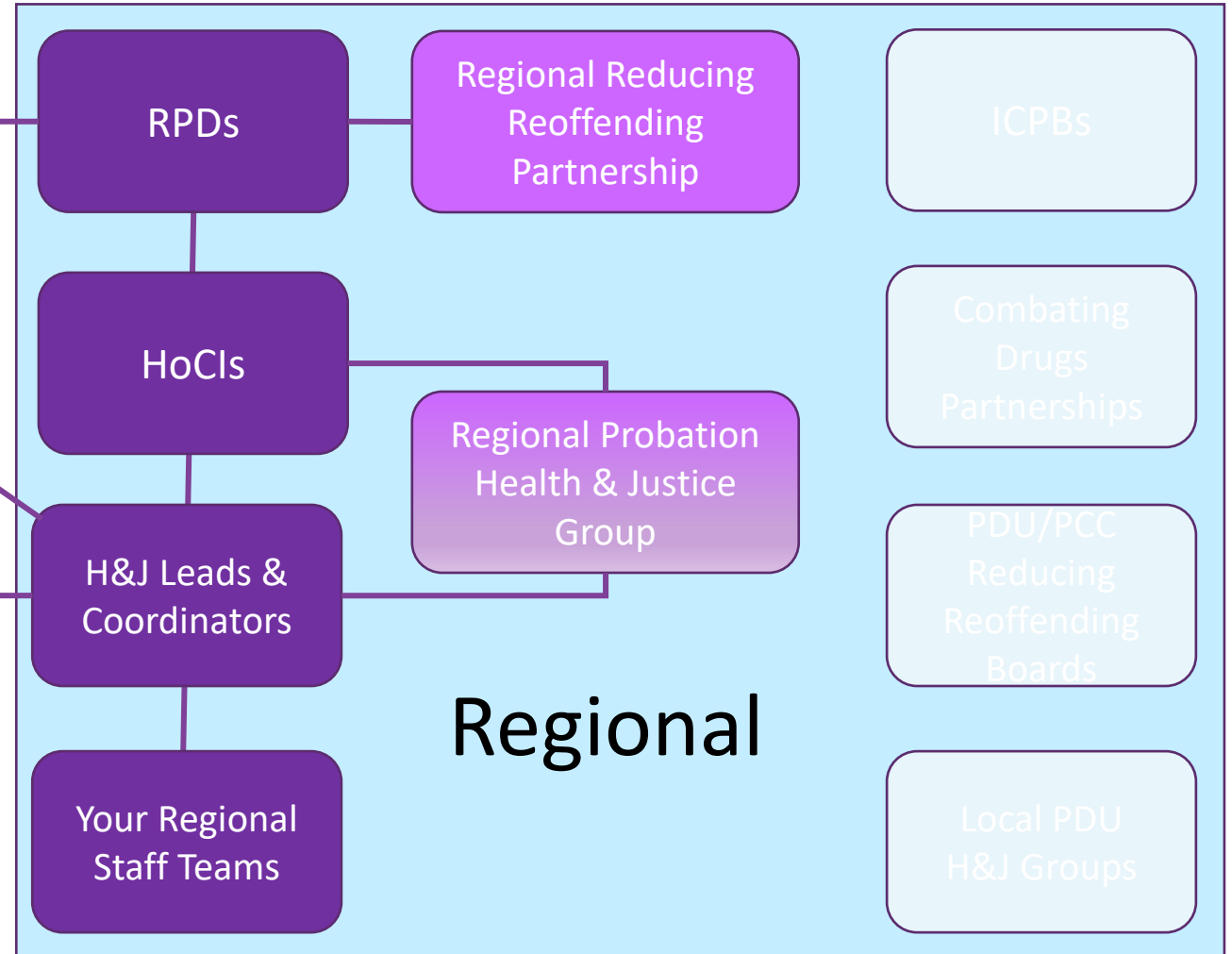
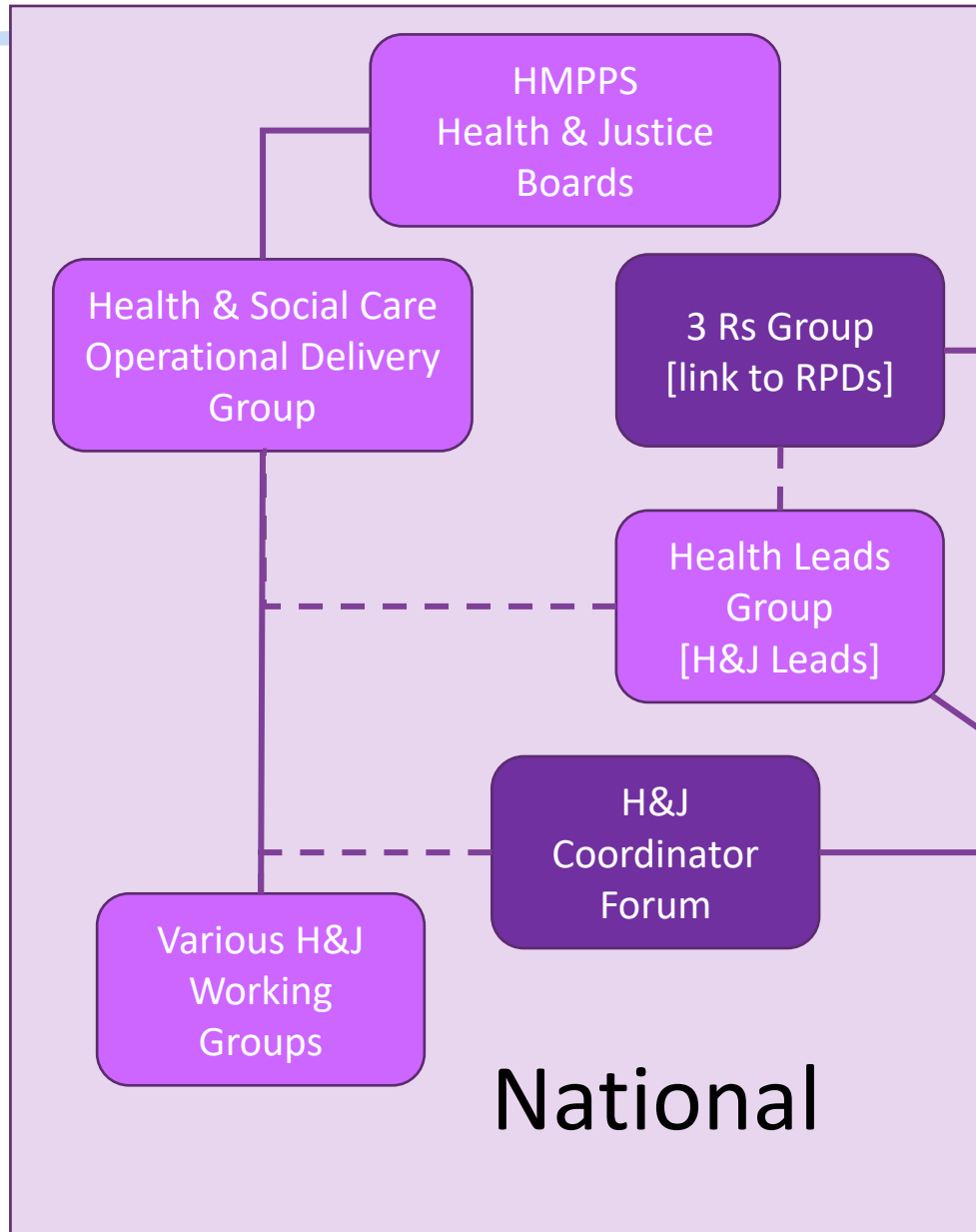
- Strengthen continuity of care by improving local pathways into substance misuse and health services through partnership working.
- Harness partnership working between internal and external substance misuse agencies.
- Strengthen drug strategies by cementing and mandating lead Drug Strategy roles
- Explore touchpoints /embed change - for example SSF





# H&J Governance

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**Any Questions?**



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