

Partnership Working in Drug and Alcohol Impact

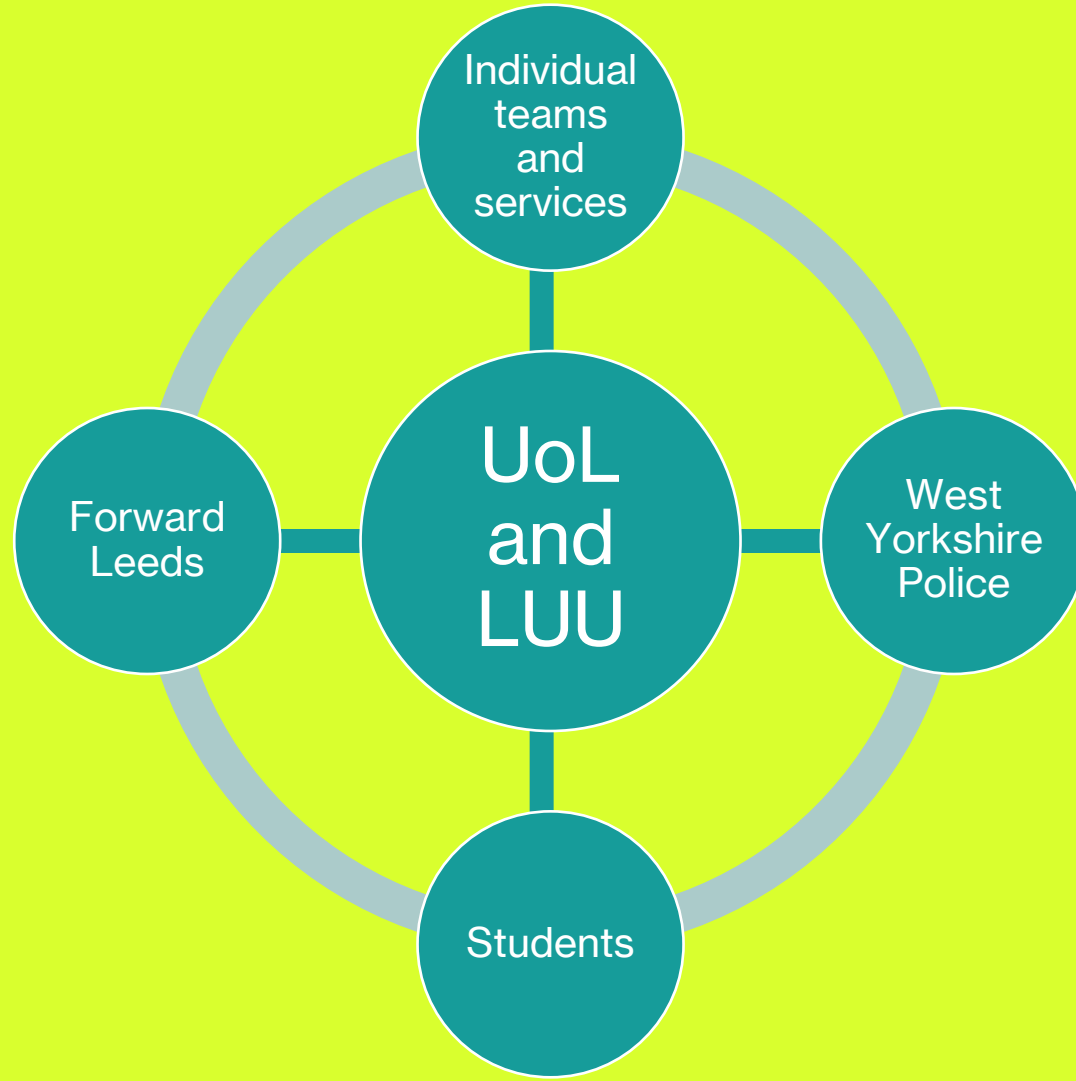
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***“Maximising
on our
individual
strengths to
deliver a
common
purpose...”***



Finding the balance...

- Embracing differences and identifying individual strengths for a holistic approach
- Setting time aside – setting clear expectations, assigning responsibility
- Agreeing commitment
- Mutual support: strengthening influence, teamwork, and negotiation

UoL

LUU

Local/Institutional

Independent

Targeted reach

Community
engagement

Staff

Students

Different,
complementary, key
roles to provide a
holistic approach
and honour our
joint commitment to
students...

UoL and LUU Commitment Statement

- Education for students
- Education for staff
- Provision of support
- Policy development
- Continuous review



Impacts

- Comms campaign: blogs, policy explainer
- Introduction of drug testing kits and strips
- Naloxone training and implementation
- Staff training development and delivery
- Facilitation of specialist provision
- 1,082 Students, Drugs & Alcohol Survey

Responses



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Ongoing communication

Promotion

Build on for staff

Logistics and facilitation
of drop ins, events and
activities

Stakeholder
communication

Promotion (student
engagement platforms)

Monitoring & evaluation of
service use

Setting up specialist support

LUU facilitates two drop-ins delivered by local
drug & alcohol service Forward Leeds

LUU is the appropriate space for drop-ins
(trusted, independent, confidential)

LUU manages the offer whilst the University
communicates it

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Facilitation and
promotion

Design

Identification of
key stakeholders

Delivery and
review

Identification of
key stakeholders

Design

Delivery

Staff Training Development

Collaborative approach

‘What is harm reduction’

Panel session and landscape setting

Evidence and statistics

Policy, support and referral

Practical skills for supporting

students

Drug & Alcohol Survey 2024

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Incentives

Incentives

Communications

Activities

Utilizing staff
networks

Utilizing student
networks

2023: 200 responses

2024: 1,082 responses

Equal commitment and action
taken to reach the target

Viable data has led to informed
and strategic decision making



Our Top Tips....

- Talk! Find time, even if it's just a check-in
- Recognise that it's not always going to be 50/50 – but there's always something you both can bring
- Actively seek each other's input – working for different institutions brings a naturally different perspective, and it all has value



“The Partnership’s Drug & Alcohol work demonstrates a unified approach that is realistic about student substance misuse. The Partnership’s harm reduction approach enables students and staff alike to access resources to produce the optimum university experience.”



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