

London's Drug Crisis and Supervised Consumption

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Key Messages

1. London has multiple overlapping drug-related crises that require a range of layered responses.
2. The main work of the Opioid Crisis Working Group at this stage is to guide public consultation about supervised consumption.
3. Public consultation on supervised consumption facilities is urgently needed.
4. City Council's leadership will be a crucial part of repairing the damaged to our community.

Multiple Overlapping Drug-Related Crises

Overdose deaths

HIV

Endocarditis

Litter

Public drug use

Multiple Overlapping Drug-Related Crises

Overdose deaths

- Naloxone

HIV

- Outreach (“street nursing”)

Endocarditis

- Changing injection drugs/practices

Litter

- Needle bins and cleanup teams

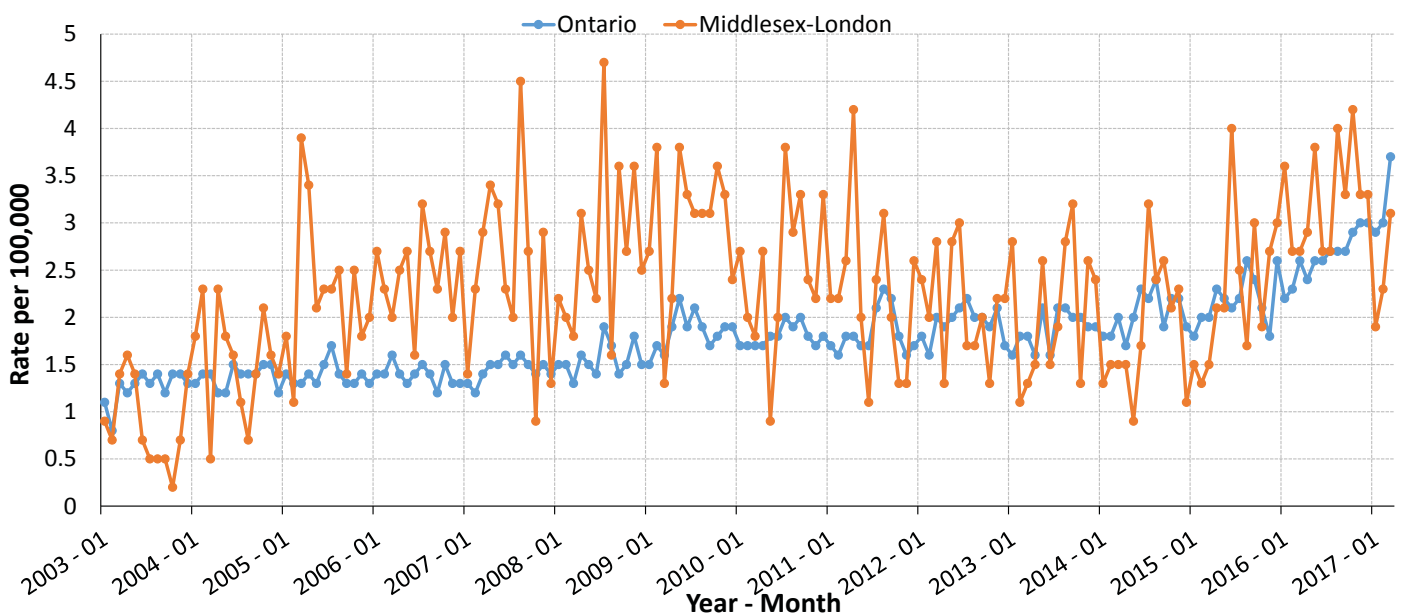
Public drug use

- Policing?

Costs

- HIV: (single case, lifetime costs): \$1.3 Million
- London's outbreak (each year): \$50 Million
- Endocarditis (each year): \$7.5 Million
- Hepatitis C (single course treatment): \$70,000
- Treat all existing cases in London: \$210 Million

Monthly rates of opioid-related ED visits, January 2003–March 2017



Supervised Consumption Facility

(AKA Supervised Injection Site)



1. Federal exemption
2. Clean environment and equipment
3. Nurse
4. Naloxone
5. Link with other services
6. Chill room

Supervised consumption helps address...

Overdose deaths

- Nurse with naloxone in the room

HIV

- Substantial reduced risk of spread

Endocarditis

- Clean injecting practices eliminates

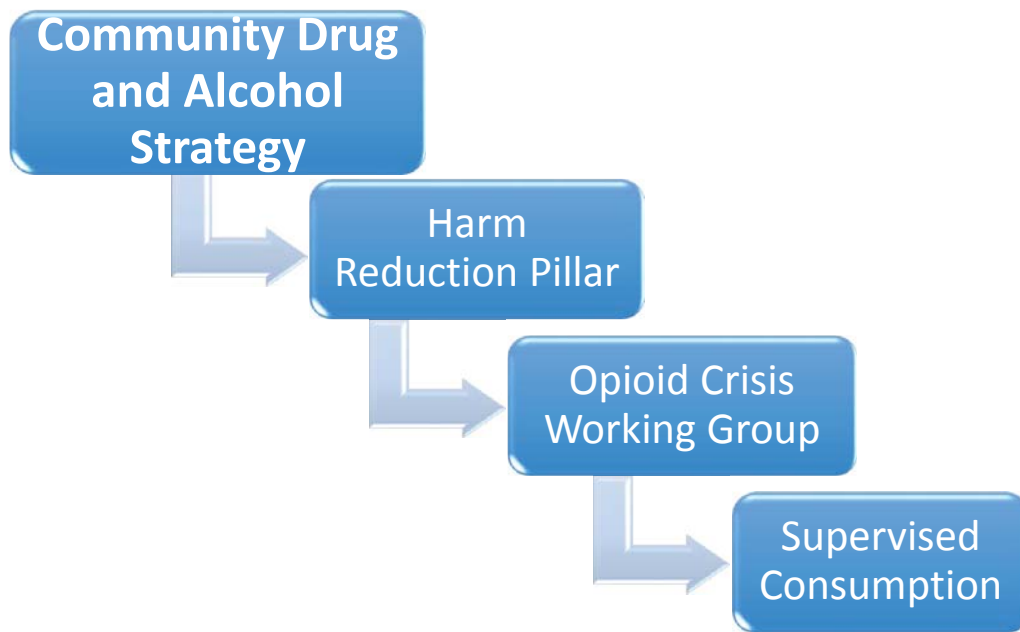
Litter

- Substantial reduction in needle waste

Public drug use

- People have a safe, clean place to use

How do these strategies link together?



Indigenous people in this community have experienced generations of suffering.

Walking alongside



Two recent successes: HIV Outreach, and Nurse-Family Partnership



Other Major Gaps

- Poverty: employment, housing, social assistance rates
- Linking at-risk youth with recreational and employment opportunities
- Medical detox and residential rehab
- Broad, multi-sector commitment to reconciliation and decolonization



What you can do at this point:

- Send a clear message of Council support for addressing opioid and other drug issues
- Your voice, community links, and energy helping people to understand supervised consumption

