

Locating Supervised Consumption Facilities

*An Update from the Opioid Crisis
Working Group*

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Key Messages

1. Supervised Consumption helps address a crisis that has taken the lives of over 400 Londoners in the past decade.
2. This type of service is a small piece of a very large puzzle, and builds on collaborative efforts at several tables.
3. Public consultation identified a number of important issues. In general, feedback was very positive.
4. Temporary Overdose Prevention Sites provide an urgent response to a public health emergency, and need to be implemented with as few barriers as possible.

	18-Dec to 24-Dec	25-Dec to 31-Dec	01-Jan to 07-Jan
ALGOMA	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
BRANT	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
DURHAM	7 (6)	5 (5)	5 (1-4)
ELGIN-ST THOMAS	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
GREY-BRUCE	0 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
HALDIMAND-NORFOLK	0 (0)	0 (0)	1-4 (1-4)
HALIBURTON KAWARTHA PR	5 (5)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
HALTON	0 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
HAMILTON	5 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)
HASTINGS PRINCE EDWARD	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
HURON	0 (0)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
CHATHAM-KENT	0 (0)	0 (1-4)	0 (0)
KINGSTON FRONTENAC L & A	5 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)
LAMBTON	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)
LEEDS, GRENVILLE, LANARK	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
MIDDLESEX-LONDON	6 (5)	9 (7)	0 (0)
NIAGARA	15 (13)	8 (8)	0 (0)
NORTH BAY-PARRY SOUND	1-4 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
NORTHWESTERN	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)	1-4 (1-4)
OTTAWA	8 (6)	5 (1-4)	5 (1-4)
OXFORD	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)
PEEL	1-4 (6)	7 (6)	8 (6)
PERTH	1-4 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
PETERBOROUGH	7 (7)	0 (0)	0 (0)
PORCUPINE	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)	1-4 (1-4)
RENFREW	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
EASTERN ONTARIO	0 (0)	0 (1-4)	0 (0)
SIMCOE-MUSKOKA	6 (5)	6 (1-4)	5 (5)
SUDBURY	1-4 (1-4)	0 (1-4)	0 (0)
THUNDER BAY	0 (1-4)	0 (1-4)	0 (0)
TIMISKAMING	0 (0)	0 (0)	0 (0)
WATERLOO	10 (9)	9 (9)	1-4 (1-4)
WELLINGTON-DUFFERIN-GUELPH	1-4 (0)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
WINDSOR-ESSEX	8 (7)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
YORK REGION	1-4 (1-4)	1-4 (1-4)	0 (0)
TORONTO	15 (10)	7 (1-4)	14 (7)
Unknown	N/A (22)	N/A (10)	N/A (14)
Total	125	83	57

In the week between Christmas and New Year's Day, London's emergency departments had more visits for opioid overdoses than anywhere else in Ontario.



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Supervised Consumption Facilities

Community Consultation Summary
Planning & Environment Committee
January 22, 2018

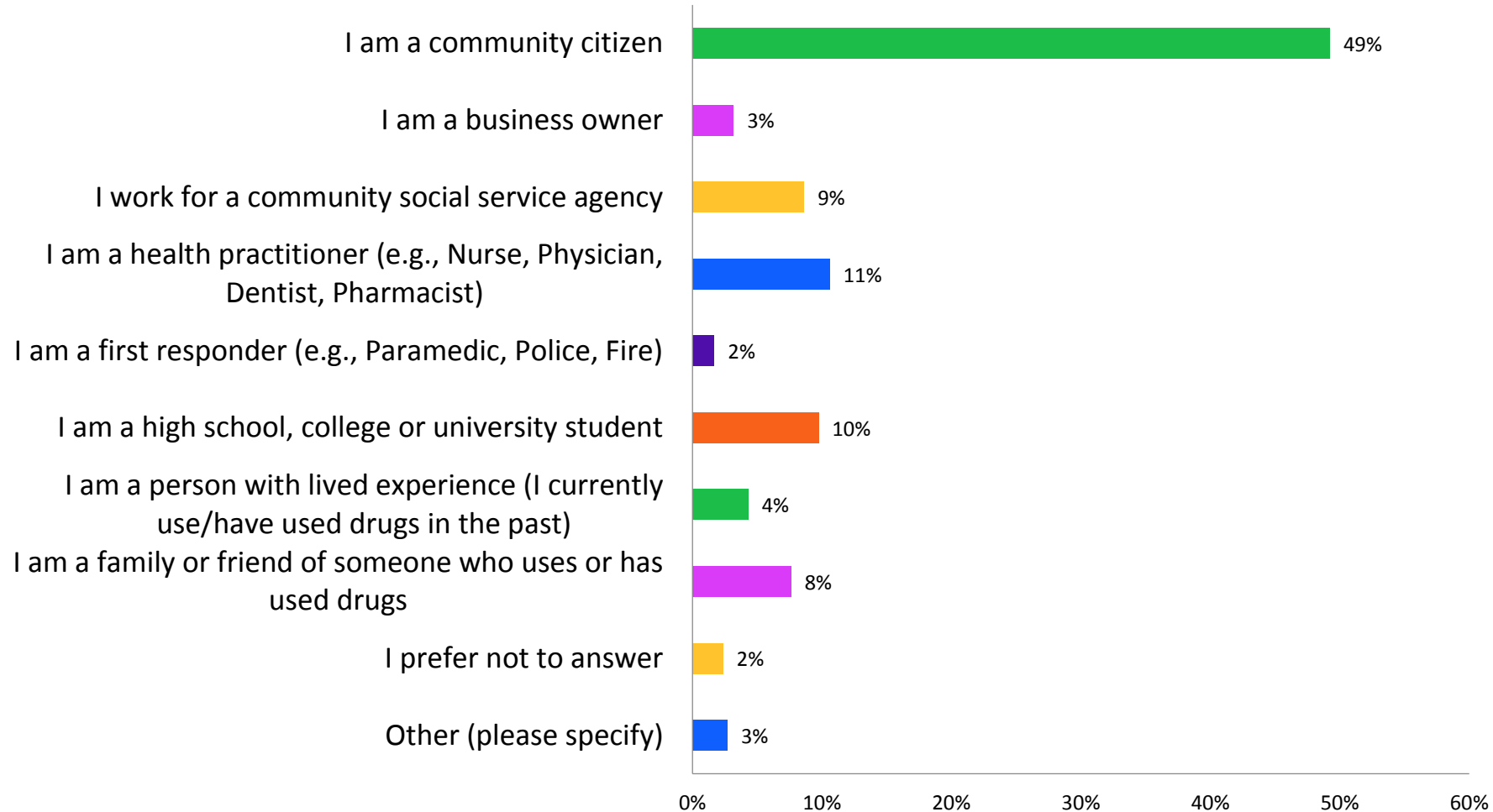


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2145 survey participants | 334 community consultation participants

56 focus group participants | 4 written submissions

Summary of Survey Participants (2145)



Benefits

Top community benefits selected from a list of benefits included:

- Reduce risk of injury and death from drug overdose;
- help reduce risk of infectious;
- link people who use drugs with services.

Other top benefit themes include:

- Increased safety
- People being treated with dignity
- Reduce costs to health care system
- Reframing addiction

1% identified no potential benefits

Concerns

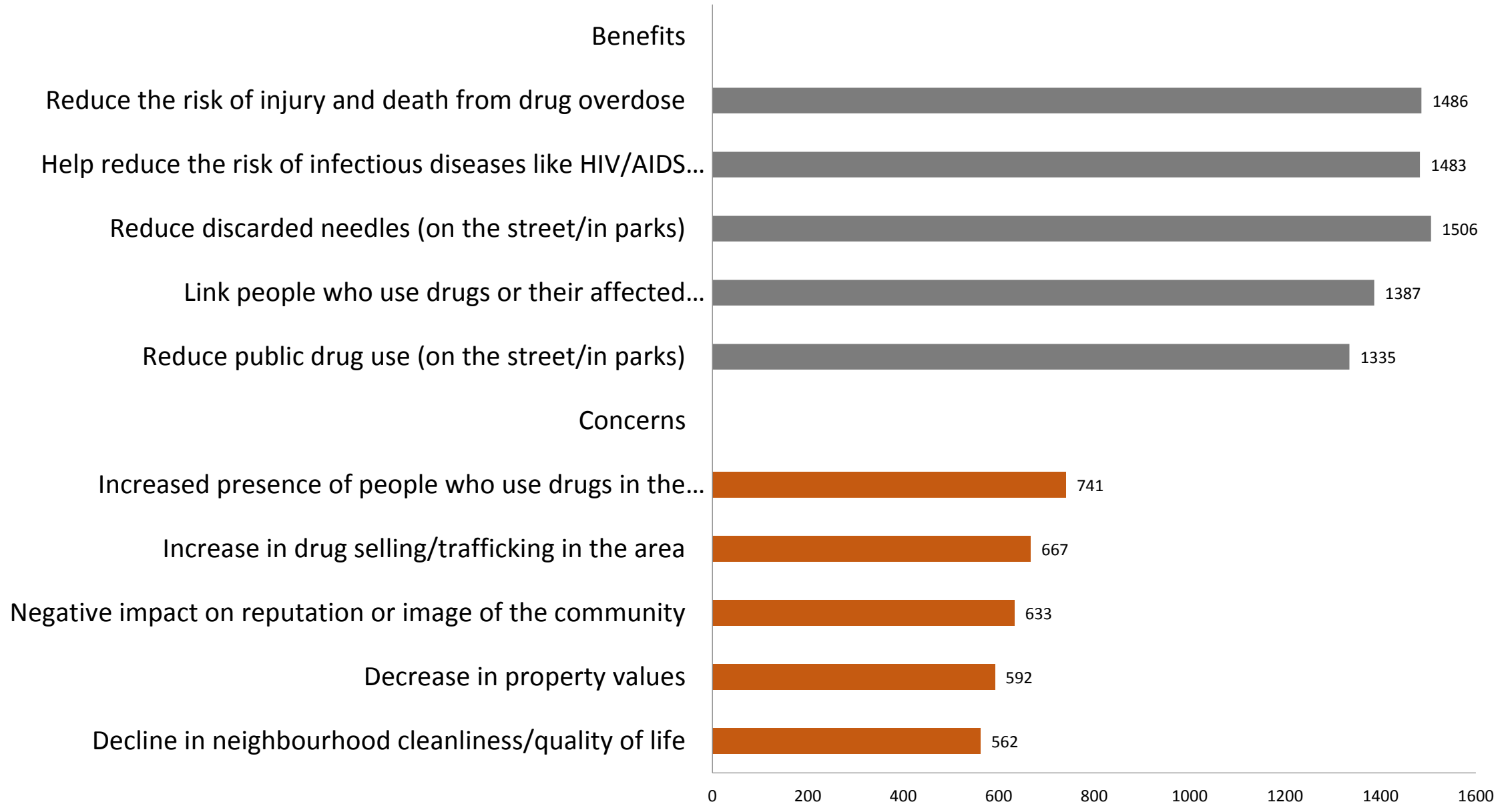
Respondents also identified concerns:

- Reputation or image of community
- Decrease in safety
- Increase in drug trafficking in the area
- “Condoning” drug use

Effectiveness of the SCF:

- Inadequate funding
- Integration or capacity challenges in the system
- Doubts about the benefits identified in research

Benefits and Concerns from Survey Respondents (count)



Recommendations

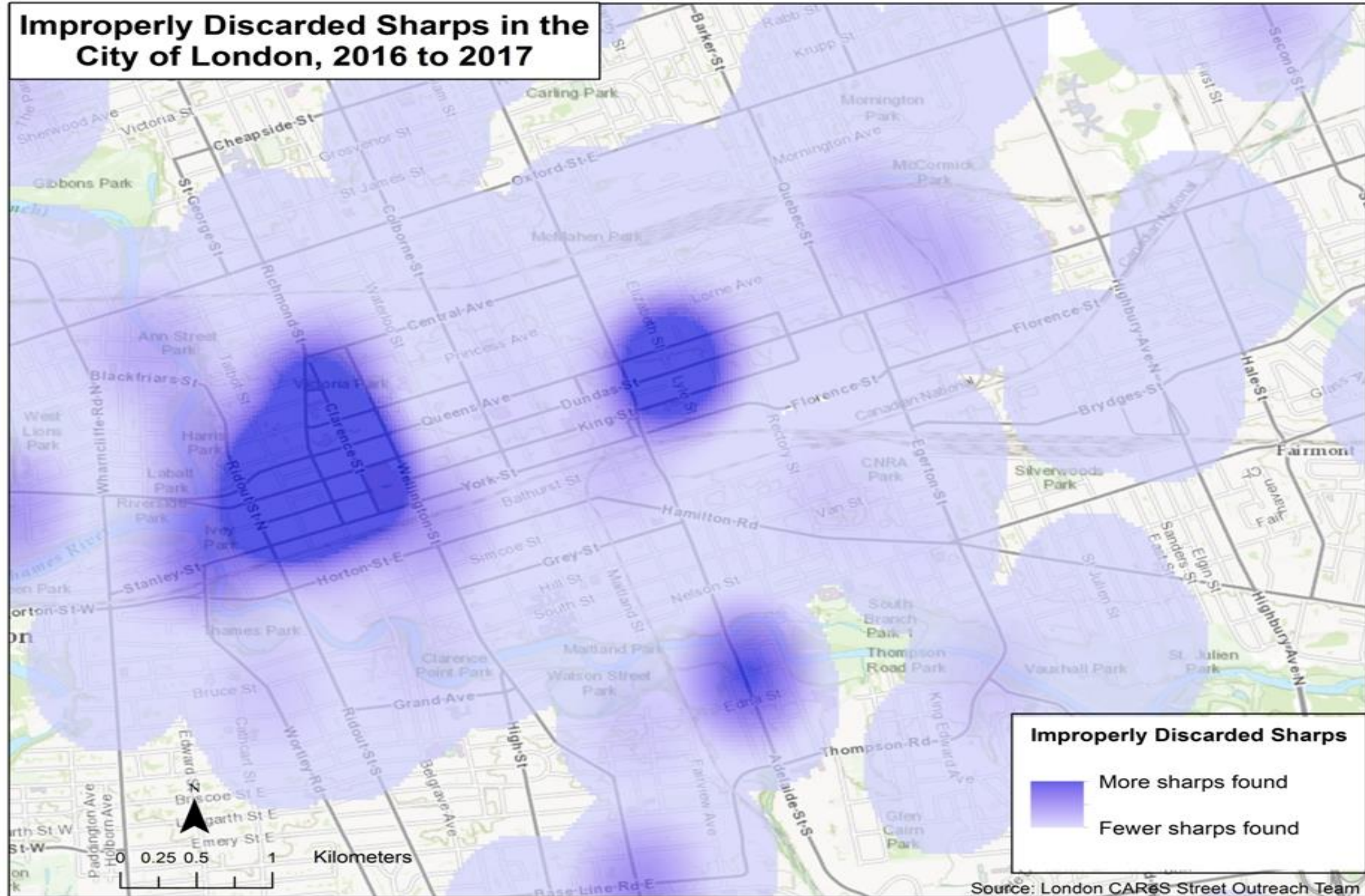
1. Ensure site location is accessible and welcoming to potential clients and respects the immediate neighbourhood context
2. Implement and operate from a base of evidence and best practices, and commit to ongoing evaluation
3. Be equipped to serve diverse group of clients with varying needs
4. Respect neighbourhood needs and concerns
5. Communicate, educate, and train
6. Develop strong partnerships and commit to system shift
7. Continue to work with the “bigger picture” in mind
8. Develop and implement a comprehensive implementation strategy

Needle Waste Collection



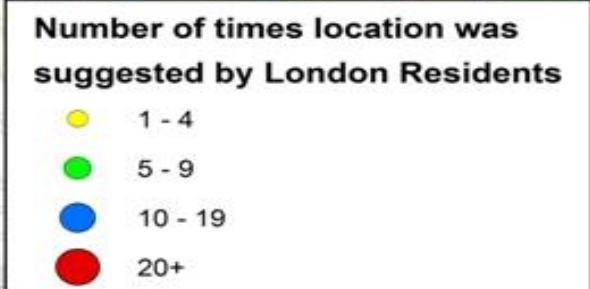
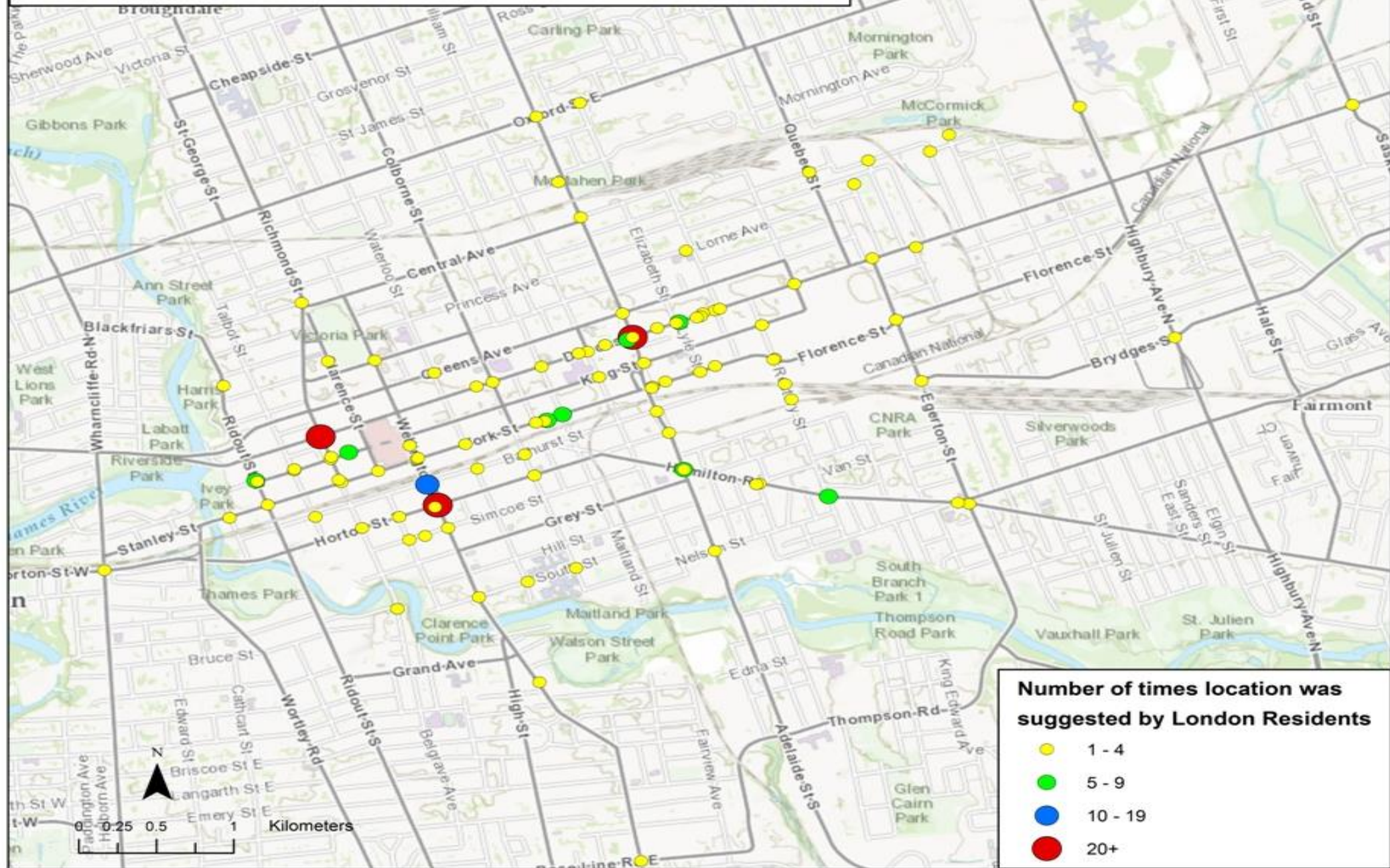
- Teams of three
- Trained and equipped
- Augment services by community partners

Improperly Discarded Sharps in the City of London, 2016 to 2017

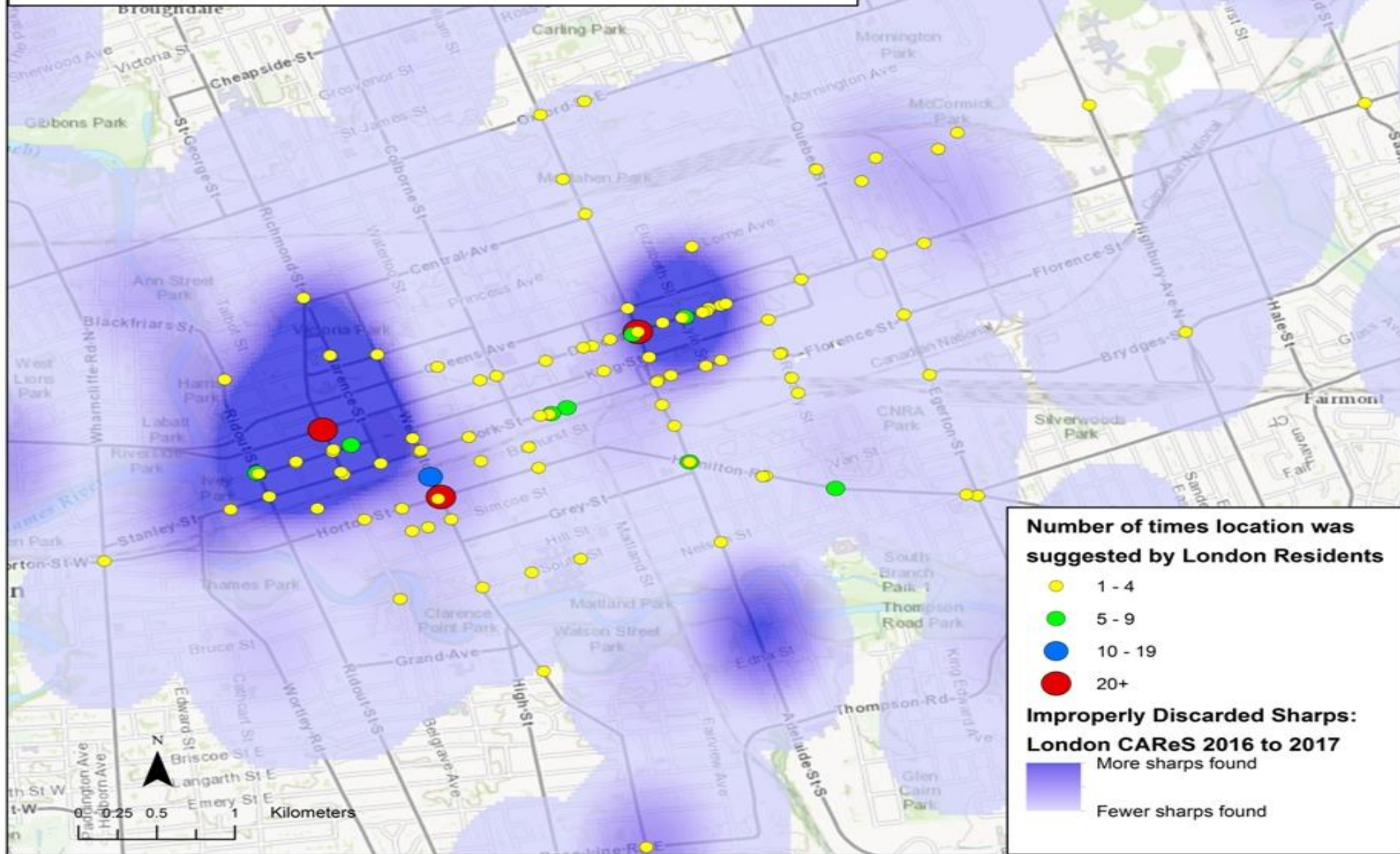


Source: London CARoS Street Outreach Team

Supervised Consumption Facility Suggested Locations: 2017 Community Consultation and Survey Results



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Temporary Overdose Prevention Site Supervised ~~X~~ Consumption Facility (AKA Safe Injection Site)



Provincial

1. ~~Federal exemption~~
2. ✓ Clean environment and equipment
3. ? Nurse ✓
4. ✓ Naloxone
5. ? Link with other services ✓
6. ? After-Care Room ✓
7. Context: Emergency

1. Ensure site location is accessible and welcoming to potential clients and respects the immediate neighbourhood context:

- A site that is accessible to people, where people consume drugs, near bus line
- Staff that is “familiar face” for clients
- Embed in existing health/social services or bring wrap-around services to site
- More than one site is planned, considering balance between fixed/mobile

2. Implement and operate from a base of evidence and best practices, and commit to ongoing evaluation:

- Identified multiple domains of measurement for success
- Building baseline data set
- NEO database that is confidential to collect data
- Continue networking and collaboration with Supervised Consumption Facilities and researchers across Canada
- Incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles

3. Be equipped to serve diverse group of client with varying needs:

- Staff will be provided training on trauma informed care, Indigenous Cultural Safety, LGBTQ2+
- Not a one-size-fits-all service – various types of services
- Develop pathways
- A private room for 1:1 counselling if needed

4. Respect Neighbourhood needs and concerns:

- Code of conduct for clients
- Impact Crime Assessment
- Community Advisory Group

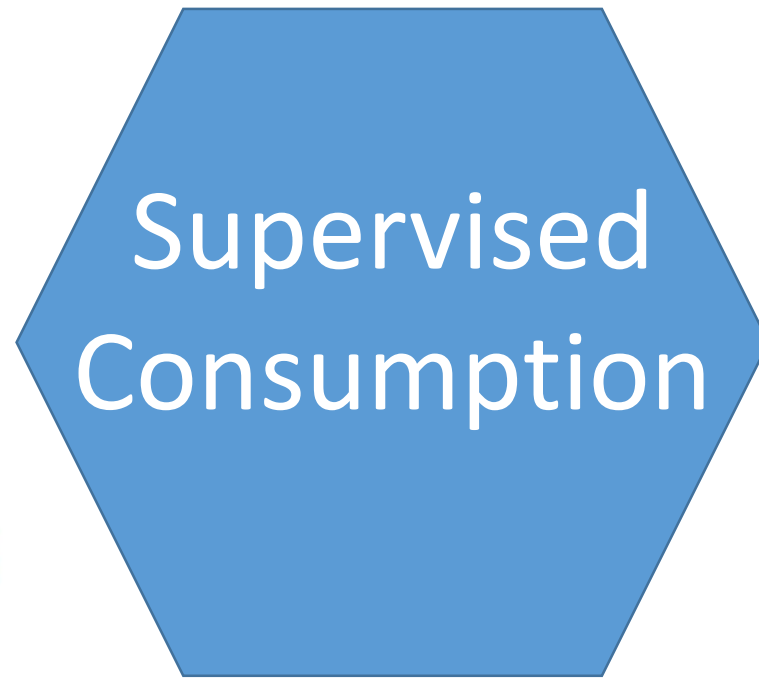
5. Communicate, educate, and train

- Staff will be provided training on trauma informed care, Indigenous Cultural Safety, LGBTQ2+
- Policies and procedures in place (including de-escalation, emergency response, code of conduct for clients etc.)
- Reaching out to residents and businesses in immediate area

6. Develop strong partnerships and commit to system shift



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Aboriginal Health
Access Centre



Community Inspired. Courage Driven.



Canadian Mental
Health Association
Middlesex
Mental health for all

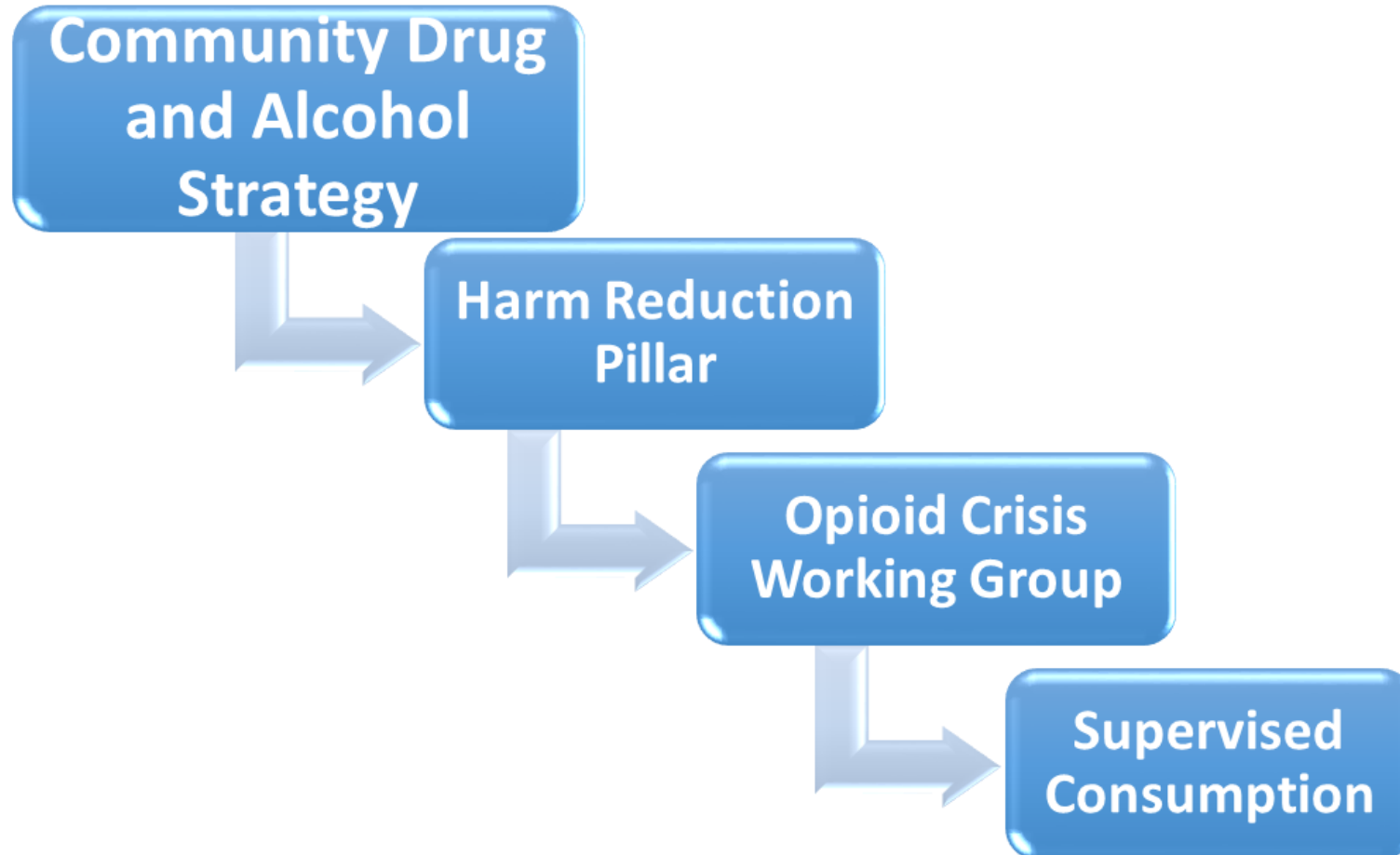
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Downtown Community Assoc



London
InterCommunity
Health Centre

Downtown BIA
OEV BIA

7. Continue to work with the “bigger picture” in mind:

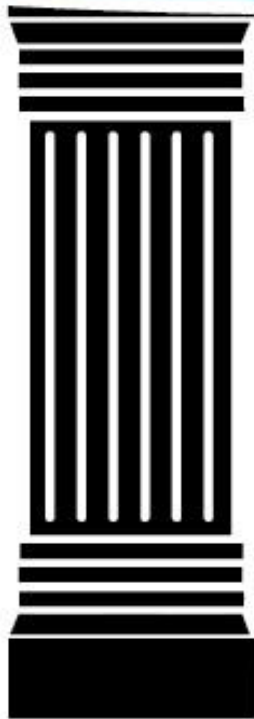


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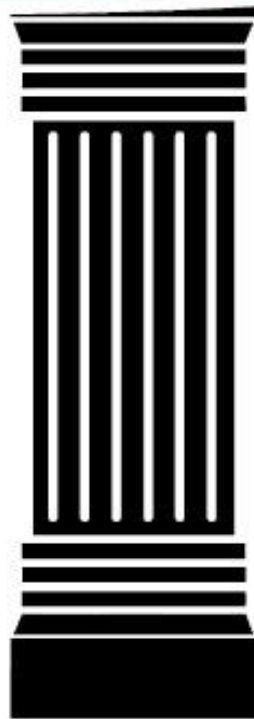
Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy



PREVENTION



TREATMENT



ENFORCEMENT



HARM REDUCTION

8. Develop and implement a comprehensive implementation strategy:

- Community Drug and Alcohol Strategy to release draft plan for consultation
- London Drug Crisis contact list for distribution to community partners any updates around SCF
- Opioid Crisis Working Group met Wednesday, and continues to plan for SCF



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