



Windsor-Essex County Health Unit Board of Health

INFORMATION REPORT

Prepared By: Chronic Disease & Injury Prevention
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Subject: August 2023 – Monthly SafePoint Site Operations Update

BACKGROUND

Overview

- SafePoint officially opened on Wednesday, April 26th, 2023, serving clients 7 days per week between the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. daily.
- In order to ensure transparency related to SafePoint operations, the Board of Health will be provided with regular updates.

Application Status

- The WECHU's application to operate SafePoint under a Supervised Consumption Services (SCS) exemption was approved by Health Canada on July 21st, 2023.
- The SCS exemption was shared with the Ministry of Health immediately following approval and in doing so, the Ministry confirmed that there are no outstanding elements in the WECHU's application to operate a fully funded Consumption and Treatment Services (CTS) site at SafePoint.
- As it stands, the Ministry of Health application for CTS funding remains under review.

CURRENT INITIATIVES

Operational Data

It has been four months since SafePoint opened on April 26th, 2023. From opening to August 31st, there have been **418 client visits amongst 119 unique clients**, with **no overdoses reported on-site to date**. Additional details about the services provided at SafePoint during the month of August are presented in Tables 1-3.

Table 1. Brief overview of unique clients at SafePoint over the period of **August 1st to August 31st**.

Total Unique Clients: 26		
Demographic		Number of Unique Clients
Age	Under 25	4
	25-64	19
	65+	2
	Unknown	1
Gender	Man	20
	Woman	6

Race	White	22
	Indigenous	2
	Latin American/Hispanic	1
	Black, African, or Caribbean	1

Table 2. Brief overview of client visits at SafePoint over the period of **August 1st to August 31st, 2023.**

Total Number of Client Visits: 130		
Indicator		Number of Visits
Visit by Time of Day	10:00 – 11:59 a.m.	27
	12:00 – 2:59 p.m.	50
	3:00 – 6:00 p.m.	53
Type of Visit	Consumption	65
	Other	65
Consumption Visits by Substances Reported	Crystal methamphetamine	42
	Morphine	4
	Dilaudid	1
	Fentanyl	18
Consumption Visits by Method of Consumption	Injection	65
	Intranasal	-
	Oral	-

Table 3. Brief overview of other services provided at SafePoint over the period of **August 1st to August 31st, 2023.**

Total Number of Client Visits: 130			
Indicator		Number of Times Service Offered	
Drug Checking	On-site fentanyl drug checking	1	
Basic Care	First aid	22	
	Wound/abscess	26	
	Foot care	4	
Wraparound Services		On-Site	Referral
	Addictions treatment	-	2
	Mental health	1	3
	Primary care	18	16
	Social services	57	3

Client Experience Narrative

Beyond the number of client visits recorded in the month of **August**, SafePoint continues to demonstrate that the services being offered are having a positive impact on clients, as highlighted through the following client experience narrative:

Anonymous Client #1

SafePoint staff connected with the Wellness Program for Extended Psychosis with the Transitional Stability Centre (TSC) on behalf of a SafePoint client. Staff walked with the client to the TSC so that they could be administered their medication that was overdue.

FUTURE PLANS

- SafePoint has continued to expand the wraparound services available on-site. The Mobile Medical Support (MMS) Team and their Dental Hygienist will be on-site of SafePoint on Friday, September 8th, 2023 to provide clients with dental services. SafePoint has also developed a procedure with Family Services Windsor-Essex to dispatch Homelessness Outreach Workers to SafePoint as needed.
- SafePoint is preparing to launch its business engagement strategy as part of the site's ongoing commitment to community engagement. The business engagement strategy will involve regular outreach and resource distribution to the area businesses to learn about and address their concerns about the site.