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Operation Threshold Assertive Outreach

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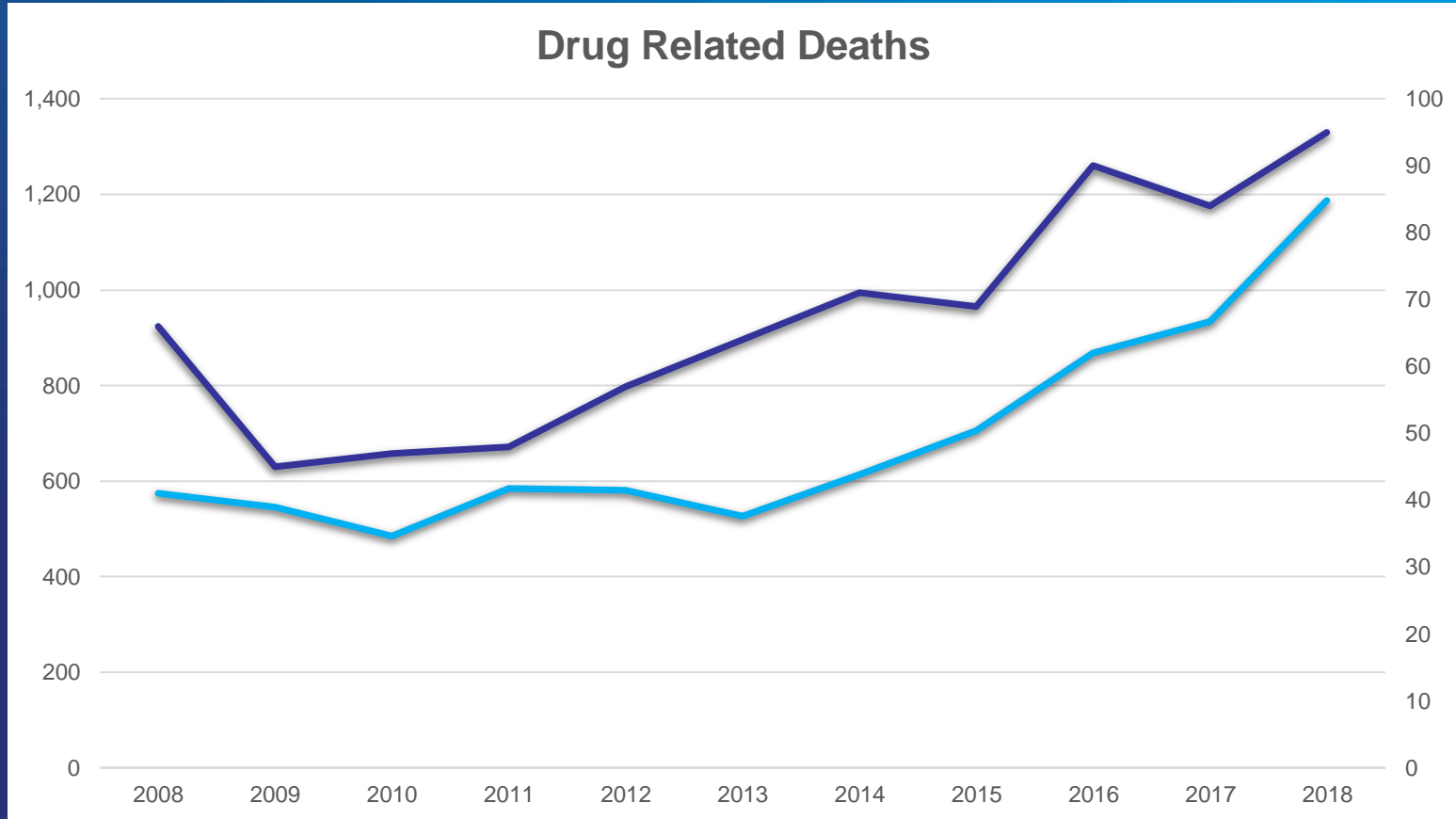
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Why?



How?

- Use available data, information and intelligence
- Dovetail into existing support and treatment frameworks

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Case study 1

23 year old male presented at hospital following alcohol and drug intoxication

- Two days later taken to hospital by ambulance after being found unresponsive in public toilet following overdose
- Week later - drug related death

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Case study 2

41 year old former paratrooper descended into heroin use after leaving the forces. Suffered overdose, Naloxone administered. Unknown to police/not registered with GP.

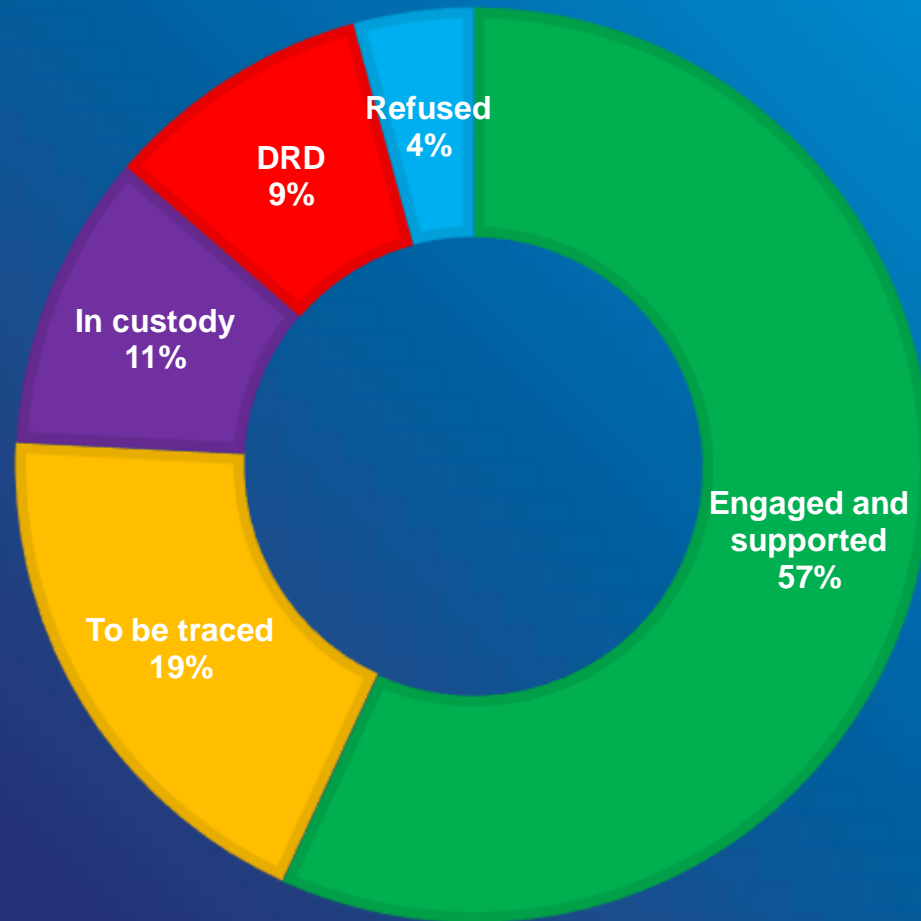
- Engaged by Op Threshold
- Food parcels arranged/day to day needs addressed
- Linked in with support and prescribed Suboxone
- Currently free from illicit drugs and seeking training/employment
- Credits the Op Threshold intervention with “saving his life”

Case study 3

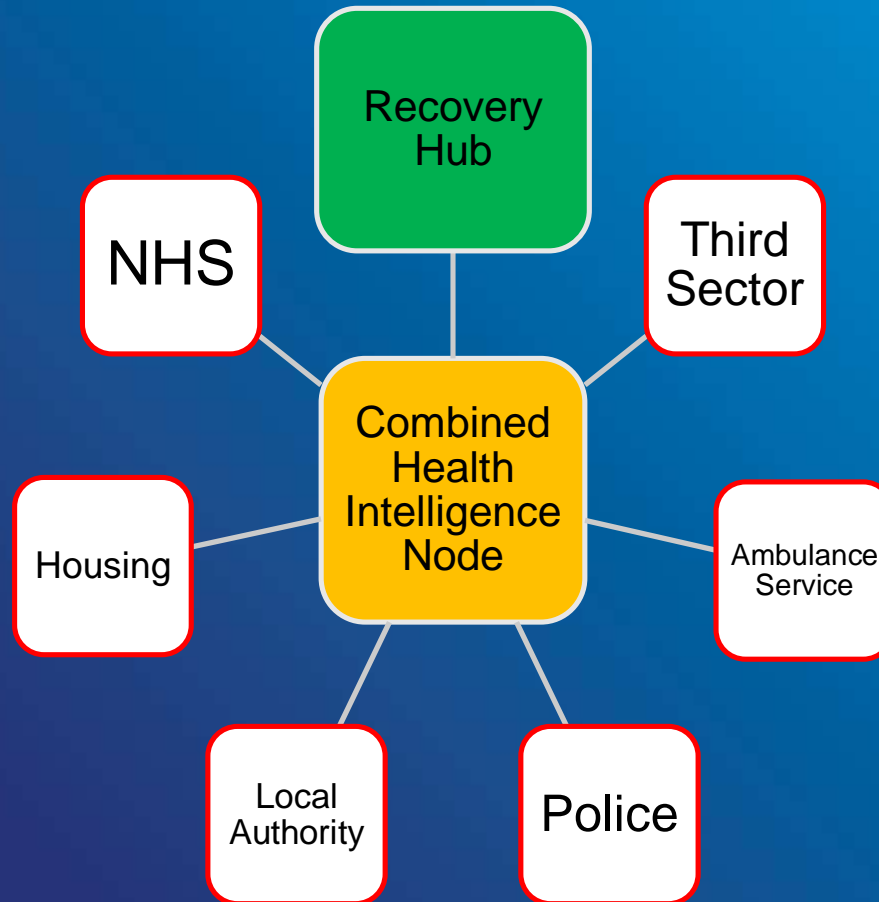
42 year old male encountered during enforcement activity. Apparent he was being exploited by dealers and his flat was being used as 'shooting gallery', but did not see himself as a victim or in need of help.

- Extensive Op Threshold engagement to build trust and secure buy-in
- Case conference to establish which partners best placed to support
- House move facilitated
- Access to ORT expedited
- Intensive ongoing support

So what? - Outcomes



What's next?



Conclusions

- Public space overdose indicator of potential tipping point for DRD
- Person and outcome focused approach key to successful engagement and relationship building
- Engagement and support welcomed in majority of cases
- Format provides a workable model on which partners will build to enrich picture and bolster outreach capacity and capability – providing required services at point of need

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