

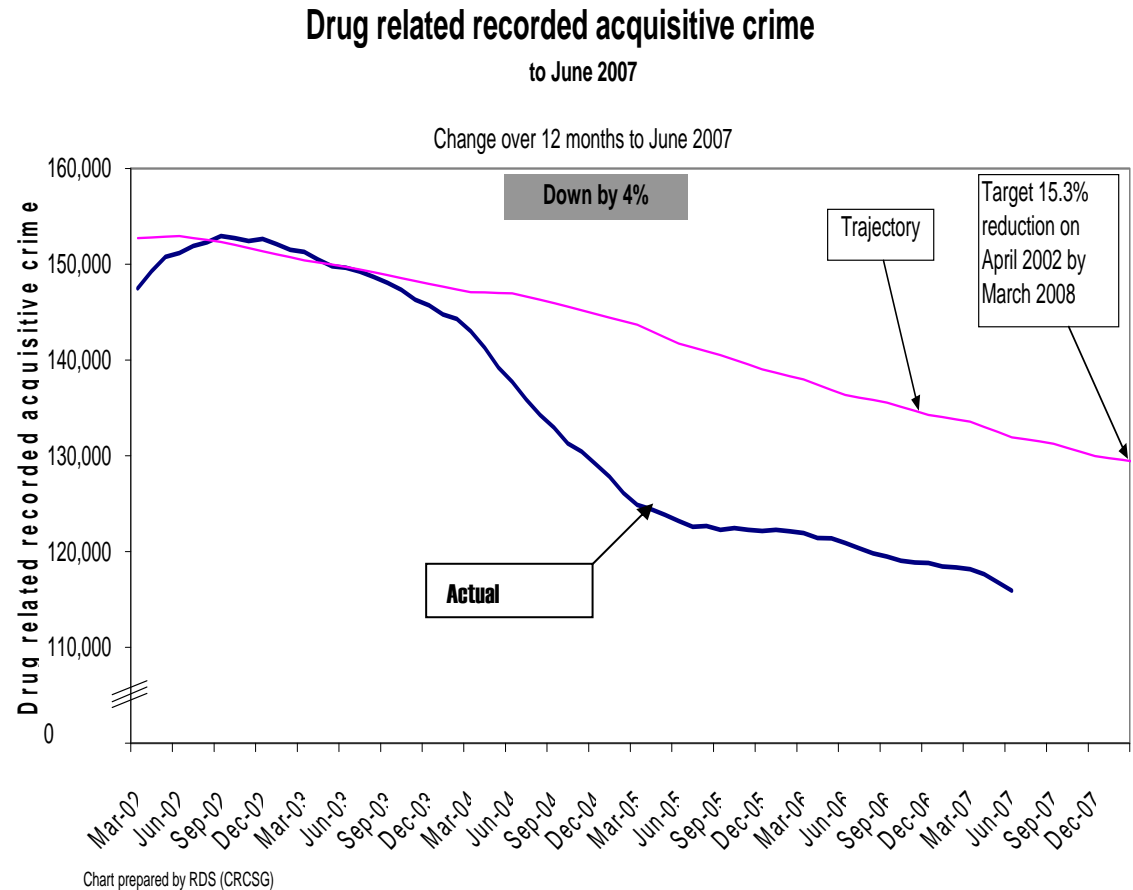
# The new 10 year drug strategy

Drugs: protecting families  
and communities

How we are working to tackle drugs

# The new drug strategy builds on the success of the last.....

- Drug use is at lowest since 1998.
- Impact of Drug Interventions Programme and community sentences.
- Drug related recorded acquisitive crime down.
- Treatment capacity has doubled, waiting times down and effectiveness improved.
- Police and partners have new powers.



.....but we were not complacent and the consultation was the biggest ever about drugs.



# I wanted us to be clear idea on what, who & where...

*...with a 10 year strategy with Action Plans, focussing upon the following impacts upon communities:*

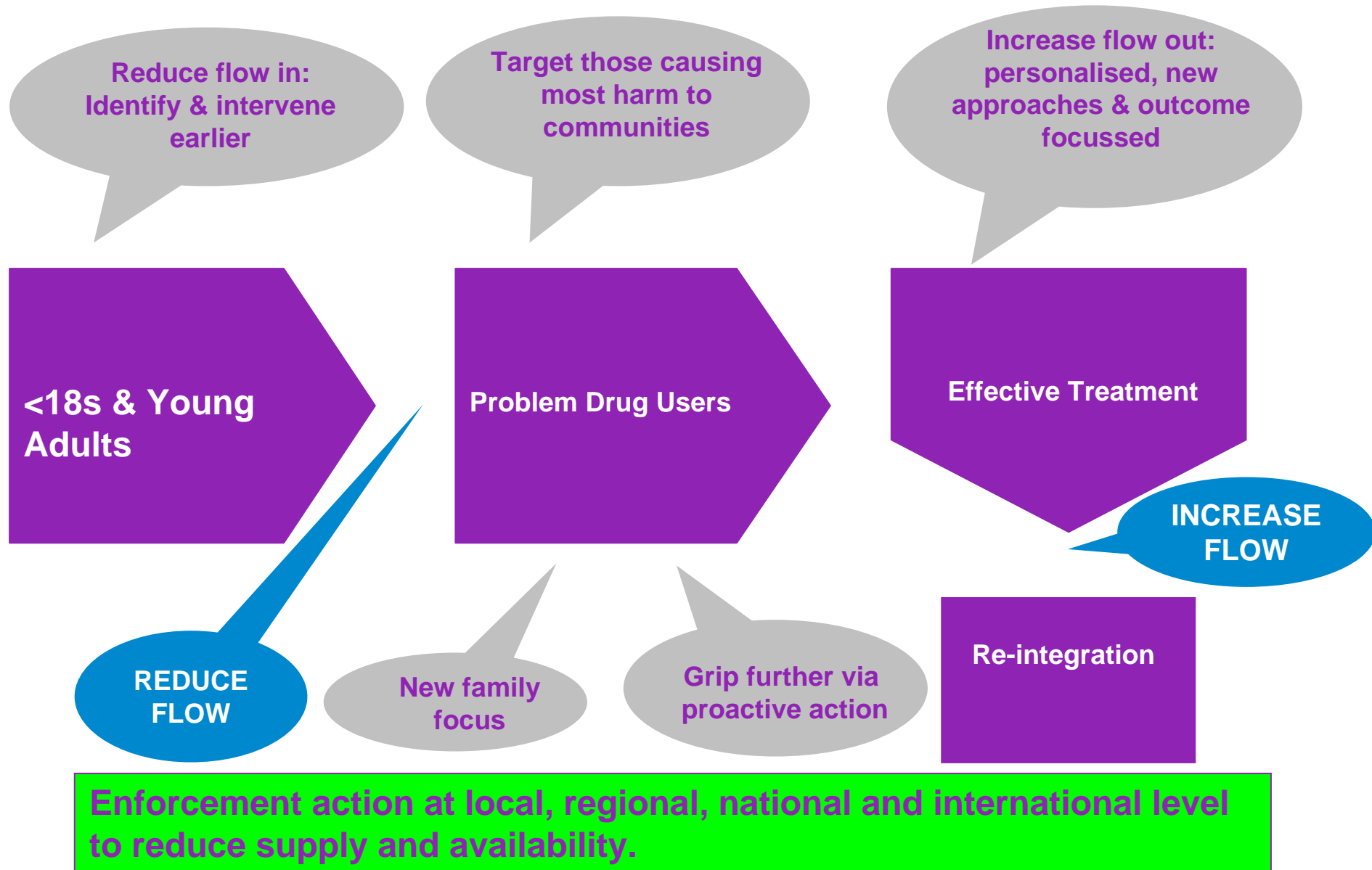
- CRIME & ASB
- SOCIAL FUNCTIONING
- HEALTH

**“WHAT”** drugs should we focus upon?

**“WHO”** are we most concerned about?

**“WHERE”** should our focus be”?

# The overarching impacts of the new strategy will be.....



***We will protect communities through robust enforcement to tackle drug supply, drug related crime and ASB by:***

- Proactively targeting and managing drug using offenders
- Using neighbourhood policing approach to engage and empower communities
- Ensuring all available powers, sanctions and levers are applied to tackle drug related crime and ASB
- Seizing dealers' assets on arrest and increasing ability to seize assets overseas
- Intercepting more drugs being trafficked and export our borders.

***We will prevent harm to children, young people and families affected by substance misuse by:***

- Prioritising drug misusing parents for treatment and protecting their children
- Delivering a package of interventions for families at risk
- Supporting parents and kin carers to talk to their children about drugs and prevent use
- Improving access to positive activities and social inclusion programmes
- Reinforcing the role of schools

## ***We will deliver new approaches to drug treatment and social reintegration through:***

- Personalised, more effective treatment
- Referral and joint working between treatment agencies and job centres
- Exploring the case for introducing a new benefits regime for drug users
- Piloting individual budgets and local budget pooling
- Significant new funding to support research and more effective treatments
- Ensuring prisoners receive effective treatment both in prison and on release



# Next steps.....

- Promote new strategy, embed activity
- Strong messages about successes of existing strategy, but honesty on challenges to be overcome in next 10 years
- Drive delivery through PSA 25 & 14, LAA indicators and cross government programme
- Build the evidence base on what works
- Review, evaluate progress and develop