

COMPASS

Services to Tackle Problem Drug Use

Set up in 1986 by its current Chief Executive, Steve Hamer, Compass is a charity providing services to people experiencing problems as a result of substance misuse. The organisation is geographically spread operating from 20 sites in Hull and Humberside, York and North Yorkshire, the Midlands (Nottingham and Rugby) and in the South East (Tower Hamlets and Milton Keynes). The Head Office is based in York and we currently employ around 200 people.

Compass generates the bulk of its income from contracts with statutory bodies and in essence operates as a social business, selling its services on a not for profit basis. As a social business we actively seek to generate additional business, principally through competitive tendering but also through local "organic" development with existing contractors.

A leading provider of drug treatment services across the country, Compass has achieved an enviable reputation for the high standard of its work. Focused on the needs of the end user we serve diverse populations and our work spans the entire treatment framework from needle exchange to rehabilitation programmes, covering the full range of treatment goals, from harm reduction to abstinence.

Compass is committed to ensuring innovation and quality in public service, founded upon robust strategic and operational partnerships. We regard our investors as key partners in the design and delivery of effective services and we have a strong commitment to providing access to comprehensive care through joint working with a wide range of statutory and non-statutory service providers.

Compass has an enviable record of achievement, having consistently met its service targets, and at the same time attaining very positive client feedback. Each year Compass supports over 15,000 clients to move towards healthier, more stable life styles and away from chaotic substance misuse.