

MORAY DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM
STRATEGY GROUP

Minute of meeting held on Tuesday 20 March 2007
Room 308a, Council HQ, Elgin at 1pm

Present: Sandy Riddell (Chair)
Superintendent Alan Smailes (Vice-Chair)
Blair Dempsie (Operations Manager, Criminal Justice)
Tricia Joyce (Acting Director, Moray Council on Addiction)
Margaret Christie (Integrated Manager of Mental Health Services)
Councillor Sim
John Campbell (Turning Point Scotland)
Grant McCutcheon (LALO, Community Safety Partnership, TMC)
Angela Mills (Minutes)

Via Audio-link: Dr Maria Rossi (Consultant in Public Health, NHS Grampian)
Ali Proctor (Grampian Police Substance Abuse Co-ordinator)

Apologies: Andrew Fowlie (General Manager, MCHSCP, NHS Grampian)
Graham Jarvis (Community Learning and Development Manager)
Councillor Stewart
Councillor Divers
Pat Greenhough (North Regional Manager, Scottish Drugs Forum)
Eric Scarborough (Head of Educational Support Services)
Fraser Munro (Governor, Inverness Prison)

Pete Smith (Grampian Fire and Rescue Service) gave a presentation on the subject of Substance Abuse Referrals to the Fire Service which was well received by the group.

The secure e-mail address for referrals is given as SAReferrals@GRAMPIANFRS.ORG.UK, it is a confidential inter-agency referral system which enables partner agencies to refer any 'at risk' Drug and Alcohol service users to which the GFRS may have difficulty in accessing. Upon referral, GFRS will contact the initiating agency to organise and agree the appropriate means of support which can be offered. Further information on the service can be obtained from Watch Manager Pete Smith (GFRS) on 01343 547356 or by e-mail at peter.smith@grampianfrs.org.uk

Agenda Item	Action Point	Action
Item 1 - Apologies	As listed above	
Item 2 - Minutes of Meeting of 12 December 2007 & Matters Arising	The Minutes were accepted as accurate. Dr Maria Rossi updated the group on the issue of needle exchange. There are currently 26 needle exchange sites and there are moves to improve needle exchange throughout Grampian and Moray. Currently in Moray there are 6 pharmacies providing the needle exchange service, in addition to this, needle exchange provision is provided on request from Moray Drug and Alcohol Services. A non-pharmacy needle exchange at Studio 8 in Elgin has been set up using Hepatitis C Funding. Margaret Christie and Maria Rossi have discussed the issue of the lack of needle exchange facilities in Buckie and Keith, MC is awaiting feedback about pharmacy outreach in Keith. BD will meet with JC of Studio 8 regarding providing a further information service. SR requested that any bids for funding were accompanied by a clear exit strategy. Dr Maria Rossi also updated the group on the issue of provision of	

	<p>citric acid. There was a request for it to be provided with and through needle exchange programmes, either on a cost recovery basis or perhaps with DAAT funding. The cost may be between £1,000 to £2,000 per year for Moray. Dr Rossi was advised that requests for funding should be submitted to the Strategy Group via the Implementation Group. Angela Mills was to send an MDAAT Funding Application Form to Dr Maria Rossi.</p>	AM
<p>Item 3 - Progress Update - SWIA Inspection</p> <p>CAP 2006/7</p> <p>CAP 2007/8</p> <p>Stock-take Exercise</p> <p>Performance Reporting Tool</p>	<p>The MDAAT is awaiting the first draft of the SWIA Inspection which may not be released until the end of April this year. Each of the three Grampian DAT's will be graded. When SR receives the draft and the guidance from SWIA, he will release the draft to only a restricted audience as recommended by SWIA. DAT's will be graded on what the inspectors encountered during their inspections and the evidence which was provided. Factual inaccuracies will be amended but overall the draft will have to be accepted as it is. SR made it clear to everyone how much he appreciated everyone's hard work and efforts.</p> <p>A letter was received from the SE which AM will circulate to everyone.</p> <p>SR briefed the meeting prior to them receiving a copy of the letter. One of the main points was how important it is for us to provide evidence to prove we've achieved what we identified as our objectives in the CAP.</p> <p>A working group has been organised, meeting dates have been set and work has been planned to progress the CAP 2007/8.</p> <p>SR told the group he was pleasantly surprised by the very positive feedback received which he shared with members by way of a briefing.</p> <p>MC told the group it was being used and all that remains is for it to be populated. The members were advised there was a need to bridge the gap regarding the collation of information.</p>	AM
<p>Item 4 – Forum Update</p>	<p>The members were advised that the Forum page on the MDAAT website was up and running.</p> <p>The new 'Little Blue Book' is being processed as a result of funding from the NHS.</p> <p>The Forum are producing an action plan which will feed into the CAP.</p> <p>Tricia Joyce informed the members of a funding bid which she has put together to start a young persons counselling project which will meet some of the objectives in the CAP. She told the group it would require a consultation process which would involve young people. SR was supportive of the bid and told TJ he hoped she would meet with him before the next Strategy Group meeting to keep him informed of the progress of the bid. The consultation process will inform any overlap of services. MCA will work in partnership to establish a common data collection template for assessment using the new government report on young people, 'Getting It Right For Every Child'.</p>	
<p>Item 5 – Budget Update</p>	<p>There was an error on the agenda for this item and the wrong budget information was sent out in error. AM will send the correct budget information with the Strategy Group minutes. This item was brought to the table by Margaret Christie (not Ken Hamilton) as was stated on the agenda. The SEHD Drug and Alcohol Funding & Expenditure 2007/8 shows an under-spend of £126k which is non-recurring funding, £63k of which is not yet allocated. The Implementation Group meeting of 27th February 2007 agreed to accept bids for this funding in order to allocate the non-recurring funds. Some commitments have already been made in terms of the funding and a Funding Application Review meeting is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 27th March 2007 immediately after the</p>	AM

	<p>Implementation Group meeting and the CAP 2007/8 meeting. It was agreed by the members that the Implementation Group decisions on funding can be ratified by only two senior members of the Strategy Group, SR (Chair) and AS (Vice-chair), prior to the next Strategy Group meeting of Tuesday 19th June 2007. Following feedback from the Implementation Group meeting on 27th March 2007, the funding information will be sent to SR and AS.</p>	
Item 6 – Grampian Police Update	<p>AS introduced Ali Proctor (Grampian Police, Substance Abuse Co-ordinator) who attended the meeting via audio-link. AS advised the group that a statistical analyst processes their statistical information and it was felt the provision of that service was invaluable to the force as far as producing clear, understandable performance results for themselves and various partnership agencies. AS discussed the Grampian Police report which was sent out to group members along with the agenda for the meeting. AS informed the group of 3 drug deaths from Heroin overdoses and told the group that accurate figures were required on overdoses and especially overdoses where <i>Narcan</i> (the brand name of a special narcotic drug that reverses the effects of other narcotic medicines; may be used to treat narcotic drug overdose or to diagnose narcotic drug addiction) is administered. He also asked if stats could be collated on deaths from overdoses of prison releases. MC offered to find out if stats could be collated to meet his requests.</p> <p>AS told the group there were 2 levels of Operation Avon which are being funded through the Community Safety Partnership. Statistics can be collated on the average age of young people drinking and most of the young people driving fatalities did not involve drink driving.</p>	MC
Items 7 – Community Safety Partnership	<p>Keith High School will be taking part in Global Rock and GMcC advised the group it was a very worthwhile project. It was felt the relationship between the CSP and the MDAAT is strong now, but it was acknowledged this has not always been the case. The CSP's priorities fit in well with the MDAAT's priorities which helps to enforce the reciprocal relationship. It was felt that the MDAAT should be more prominent in the local Community Plan to give evidence of the relationship between the CSP and the MDAAT. The MDAAT should support the Community Plan and they should meet with the MDAAT to strengthen those theme groups. The good work of the MDAAT should be marketed. The recent inspections have challenged the MDAAT to think about where we fit together with our partner agencies.</p>	
Item 8 – Integrated Drug and Alcohol Service Update	<p>A report from BD had been sent out with the agenda. It was felt that a more comprehensive report collated through the DDO and from all the agencies on a quarterly basis through all the related services should be provided.</p> <p>MR requested a copy of Blair's report. AM will send her a copy.</p>	DDO (when in post) AM
Item 9 – Drug and Alcohol Strategy Booklet 2007-2010	<p>SR requested that the new DDO should produce the new Strategy booklet which is important in light of the feedback received from the SE. AM will send a copy of the feedback letter from Erin Elvin at the Scottish Executive to all the group members for their information.</p> <p>SR also requested that the new Strategy booklet should be fed back to the Implementation Group by the DDO.</p> <p>The question of holding a stakeholder day was raised and it was felt by the group that perhaps rather than hold another stakeholder day, various agencies can provide information required from their own consultation events. It was agreed by the members that a review in six months would be a good idea.</p>	DDO AM DDO ALL
Item 10 – AOCB	<p>Dr Maria Rossi used Item 2 with which to introduce AOCB and discussed and update of needle exchange information.</p>	

Item 11 – Date of Next Meeting	Tuesday 19 th June 2007 at 9.45am in Room 201, Moray Council HQ, Elgin.	
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