

ADAT STEERING GROUP – 20 June 2007

PROGRESS REPORTS FROM ADAT STRUCTURE MEETINGS

1.	<p>Ayrshire Addiction Training Forum (Sharon) Peter McArthur has resigned as chair of training group following change of role. Meeting will be arranged to agree terms of reference, new chair, membership and meeting dates.</p>
2.	<p>DAISay Group (Ruth) Scheduled to meet 19 June. The Group are currently finalising the constitution.</p>
3.	<p>Prevention and Education Group (Ruth) An ADAT hosted Prevention and Education seminar was held 15 May 2007 which was attended by approximately 60 delegated. The morning consisted of a range of presentations with workshops in the afternoon. Information from this event is going to be used to inform the ADAST Prevention and Education Group future work programme. Focus of the next meeting scheduled for 18 July will be on developing the action plan for 2007-08 based on CAP objectives and alcohol and drug strategy action points. Alcohol and drug education in Schools pilot sub-group. A scoping exercise is underway to identify current input and identify potential gaps.</p>
4.	<p>Looked After and Accommodated Children Training short life working group (Ruth) Phase 1 of the training is complete. The last meeting of the steering group unearthed a number of difficulties which had not been reflected in evaluation returns. This was around the appropriateness of training to the range of identified staff. As such the Steering Group has decided not to proceed with Phase 2 – training for trainers. An interim evaluation report is due with the full evaluation report by March 2008.</p>
5.	<p>Treatment and Rehabilitation Group (Sharon) <u>Quality Standards</u> Inaugural meeting of Local Champions took place 10 May 2006, Ruth Shepherd attended this in Liam Wells absence. Local stakeholder meetings have been organised in 5 venues across Scotland. Noreen Caldwell is co-ordinated the attendance at this from Ayrshire and Arran Information gathering exercise completed. Awaiting report from SDF <u>ICP</u> Meeting has been arranged to review paperwork for ICPs to enable rollout <u>Joint Allocation Meeting</u> Invitation letters going out to service providers. First meeting will identify terms of reference. Aim of group is to discuss and allocate lead agency for particular cases which are complex / falling between services. <u>Joint Operational Group</u> Subgroup to be established by T&R group to work on specific tasks e.g. specialist assessment/risk assessment. Terms of Reference will be developed for group.</p>
6.	<p>Waiting times Group (Lesley)</p>

	<p>The Waiting Times Group met on 31st May 2007.</p> <p>Lesley has been working closely with Julie Wales, Database Officer, IRT, Adrian Hyndman at ISD and NHS IT Department to rectify the apparent problems with the transfer of CSV files onto the active database which produces reports for submission to the Scottish Executive.</p> <p>The technical problems appear to have been resolved, and sample reports have been produced which represent accurately activity at a local level.</p> <p>The group have agreed that Lesley will continue to gather information, produce reports and monitor closely any discrepancies which may occur in the production of the reports. This will be part of the local validation process that has been developed and put in place.</p> <p>If, when the group meets in early August and the figures still appear to be accurate; reflecting local waiting times using the Addictions Database to cross reference: then reports will once again be submitted to the Scottish Executive.</p> <p>In the meantime Lesley is working with local agencies to ensure that data is up to date. Peter McArthur has resigned from Chair of the Group being replaced by Lesley Maxwell from Addaction.</p> <p>It is important to note up to 32hrs per month of ADAT Support Team time is currently required for ADAT to meet the Scottish Executive Waiting Times agenda requirements.</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Drug Death Review Group (Lesley) The Group last met on 12th June 2007.</p> <p>As of 1st April 2007 there have been four reported possible drug related deaths discussed at the DDRG. Of those, all have been male; three have occurred in East Ayrshire and one in North Ayrshire.</p> <p>Discussion at the group has included information from Robert Stewart in regard to Parents Education Evenings which he is hoping to undertake in both North Ayrshire – Irvine Royal Academy and East Ayrshire – Grange Academy.</p> <p>There is current activity with regard to Support to Users Network. Criminal Justice are keen to have Strathclyde Police involved with work they are hoping to undertake with Users Groups. The emphasis being that their involvement is in education and in no way related to enforcement.</p> <p>A Prevention and Education Scoping Paper has been prepared and disseminated to the Group for comment.</p> <p>John Mitchell and Robert Stewart are currently in communication with an analyst from Strathclyde Police to discuss how information is gathered and collated at a national level, and how we can best use information gathered</p>

	<p>locally.</p> <p>It has been agreed Andy Pulford, Public Health Researcher will undertake a short piece of work to supplement the draft Fatal and Non-fatal Overdose Report undertaken by NHS Ayrshire and Arran Addiction Services Information and Research Team.</p> <p>Concern has been voiced at the DDRG meetings at the lack of attendance by members. Letters have been sent to various partners requesting relevant attendance. Lesley and John Mitchell are to meet to discuss current membership and to identify further individuals who potentially should be involved with the Group to continue the practice of information gathering and sharing with the aim of preventing future drug related deaths in Ayrshire & Arran.</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Children & Young Peoples Needs Assessment (Andy)</p> <p>A submission for ethical approval for the Children & Young People's Needs Assessment has been considered by the local NHS Ethics Committee. The Committee has broadly approved the project with full consent being dependent on a suitable third party being contracted to undertake the research with children, young people and their carers component of the project. Blake Stevenson Ltd has now been offered the contract to conduct this section of the project and it is expected that approval will be granted following the finalisation of the contract. Fieldwork is expected to be completed by the end of August 2007 with a report submitted to ADAT by September.</p> <p>A stakeholder event for service providers was held at the start of June. This provided information on existing services which builds on the mapping exercise conducted earlier in the year. It was also an opportunity to gather service providers' views on future service provision. Further interviews with service providers are intended to take place in August.</p> <p>A final report compiling all findings from the needs assessment will be submitted to the December meeting of the ADAT Steering Group</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>Alcohol Related Brain Damage Needs Assessment (Alistair) <i>Report 2 – 13th June 2007</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Agreement by the ARBD Group was given to write the needs assessment in four sections: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The background (e.g., policy context) 2. Defining the need (e.g., epidemiology, local surveys) 3. Meeting the need (e.g., models of good practice, integrated care pathway) 4. Conclusions (e.g., the way forward). • A draft of the first section has been produced and circulated to the rest of the ARBD Group for comment. Some minor revisions have been made on the basis of feedback. • The second section of the report is currently being written. This has involved analysis of general hospital discharge data, provided by ISD, which shows marked local and national increases for diagnosis of an ARBD condition since 1996. This section will also include:

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Hospital discharge data for any alcohol-related diagnosis (completed) ⇒ Alcohol-related mortality trends (data currently being analysed) ⇒ GP data for any alcohol-related diagnosis (data currently being analysed) ⇒ Other lifestyle trends (data obtained but yet to be analysed) ⇒ Local stakeholders' views (survey done but data yet to be analysed). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A small working group of the ARBD group is currently: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ⇒ Planning a stakeholders' event to be held in September 2007. The event was thought necessary to compensate for a poor response rate (n=25; 32%) to the recent electronic survey which was circulated to 80 local stakeholders. The September event will take the form of short presentations, followed by a 1-hour workshop exploring 4 key questions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - "What has been your experience of ARBD?" - "What has worked well / proved successful in practice?" - "What have been the barriers / difficulties in practice?" - "What do we need to do to improve services for ARBD patients?" ⇒ Developing a research protocol and an ethics application for a local users' and carer's survey. The next meeting of the working group on 15 Jun 2007 will be devoted to this task. • Toward production of the third section of the report, Alister Hooke has visited Dr. Audrey Hillman of Ravenscraig Hospital to discuss the definition and management of ARBD in Inverclyde. A visit to Chris Park, director of the Wellpark Centre, Inverclyde, has been scheduled for 14 Jun 2007 to discuss the Inverclyde Alcohol Service which has been recognised by the Scottish Executive as a gold standard service in Scotland.
<p>10.</p>	<p>Strategic Finance and Commissioning (Irene)</p> <p>The Strategic Finance and Commissioning Sub Group last met on 15 March to consider applications from the Small Projects Fund. This fund was aimed at pump priming new projects or providing short term financial funding to existing drug and alcohol projects. These projects had to be based in, or in partnership with the voluntary sector. Each small project could apply for a maximum of £5000 with an evaluation required at the end of the project. All proposals had to be in line with the priorities of the 2006/07 Corporate Action Plan, supporting the identified actions. Applications were made via the JPIGS.</p> <p>East Ayrshire JPIG submitted 3 bids which were all successful, total amount awarded £15000. North Ayrshire JPIG submitted 7 bids, 4 of which were successful and the total amount awarded was £16727. The 3 unsuccessful bids were not in line with the priorities of the 2006/07 Corporate Action Plan. South Ayrshire JPIG submitted 4 bids all of which were successful, total amount awarded £15700. All funded projects will provide ADAT with a short evaluation report before the end of the financial year.</p>