



DRUG DEATH REVIEW GROUP

MINUTES OF MEETING On 21 November 2007 at ADAT Lodge

Present : John Mitchell, Chair
Lesley Robb, ADAT
Robert Stewart, Strathclyde Police
Maria McLaren, HMP Kilmarnock
Marie Foye, Harm Reduction Team
Jennifer Forbes, Fiscal, Kilmarnock
Marie Crilley, Fiscal's Assistant

In Attendance : Faye Murfet, Partnership Development Officer
Doreen Purvis, ADAT (Minutes)

1.	Eleanor Glen Kelly, Dr Charles Lind
2.	No. 07/07 – This should be amended to read “and toxic effects of heroin and diazepam.
3.	<p>Action Updates</p> <p><u>Parents Education Evening</u> Robert advised there is a police officer working full time at Grange Academy now and this may make it easier to organize an education session for parents and guardians.</p> <p><u>Analysis of Local Drug Deaths</u> Lesley confirmed she had passed all the information available to us to Alexis at Strathclyde Police for analysis and this will enable us to look at what is happening locally as far as trends are concerned. The information goes back to 2002 and it will take time for Alexis to collate.</p> <p><u>Tower Project</u> John gave update advising this project had worked but it re-routed monies from other areas and fell down because of lack of funding and we would find the same situation here. It was agreed this could be looked at if more funding became available.</p>

	<p><u>Terms of Reference</u> Terms of reference have been agreed. Lesley to set up meeting with John and Ruth regarding voluntary organisations.</p> <p><u>National Forum on Drug Related Deaths</u> Lesley circulated copy of the headings required and voiced her concerns regarding accessing this data. Discussion followed around how appropriate it is to gather this information and how it is shared. It was agreed a pro forma letter should be devised to send to GPs when their patient has died asking for information and if no reply we can then approach the NHS. Marie confirmed they would have all the necessary information if the deceased had been a client of Addiction Services as Anne Lee gathers information on deaths. Marie to discuss further with Lesley.</p>	
4	<p><u>Fatal/Non Fatal Overdose Report</u> Lesley gave background regarding this report and circulated an update giving an overview from Andy Pulford to members. Lesley advised as Andy's contract ends on 31st March there are time constraints on this.</p>	
5	<p>Cases for Discussion and Updates Robert advised there were about the same number of drug deaths now as there was to the end of December last year.</p>	
	14-07	DMcC. Known to police. Drug user. Toxicology shows heroin, codeine and diazepam. Confirmed drug death.
	15-07	CS. Age 15. Regular user of cannabis & ecstasy. Awaiting toxicology.
	16-07	SB 24.08.07 Lived alone. On Methadone programme. Heavy alcohol misuse. Known to Bentinck Centre.
	17-07	CB. Lived with his mother in Glasgow. Awaiting toxicology report. Two short holdings in Polmont.
	18-07	DM. Recovering diamorphine abuser. Enquiries still ongoing. Toxicology showed heroin. Confirmed Drug Death. Short holding in Kilmarnock Prison.
	19-07	M. Overdose 4 months ago. Receiving treatment since then. Confirmed heroin overdose. Confirmed Drug Death. Custodial period 1995.
	20-07	AF. 197 valium tablets in his pocket. Awaiting toxicology.
	21-07	AEG. Suffered from fits. Heroin user for 8 years. Awaiting toxicology. Known to Needle Exchange.

	22-07	S. Cocaine user. Awaiting toxicology. Investigations ongoing. No custodial periods since 2003.	
	23-07	KMcD. History of drug and alcohol abuse. Needle found under leg. Awaiting toxicology. 2005 custodial period.	
	24-07	NJ. Kidney disorder since birth. Postmortem shows pulmonary embolism. Not Drug Death.	
		Robert had been made aware of a further death. Details to follow	
	Maria advised Kilmarnock Prison is prevalence testing for the month of January and she will bring the findings back to the Group. She confirmed the vast majority of people tested will be from Ayrshire.		
6.	Future Meetings Lesley agreed to prearrange meetings every six weeks for 2008 at ADAT Lodge.		
7.	AOCB The Group discussed whether it would be useful to invite Frances Donnachie, Pharmacist for Addictions to attend in place of Charles. Marie advised she will speak to Jeremy Stirling regarding attending.		
9.	Date of Next Meeting 29 January, 9.30am at ADAT Lodge		