



**DRUG DEATH REVIEW GROUP**

**MINUTES OF MEETING**

**On**

**9.30am on 26<sup>th</sup> February 2008 at ADAT Lodge**

Present : John Mitchell, Chair  
 Lesley Robb, ADAT  
 Dr Charles Lind, NHS  
 Marie Foye, Harm Reduction Team  
 Eleanor Glen Kelly, Criminal Justice Team  
 Marie McLaren, HMP Kilmarnock  
 Martin Graham, Strathclyde Police  
 Robert Stewart, Strathclyde Police  
 Faye Murfet, ADAT  
 Andy Pulford, Researcher, Public Health  
 Andrew Brown, Clinical Lead, Ambulance Service

In Attendance : Doreen Purvis, ADAT (Minutes)

1.	<b>Apologies</b> None.
2.	<b>Minutes of Previous Meeting</b> Minutes of the previous meeting were agreed as accurate.
3.	<b>Update of Fatal and Non Fatal Overdose Report</b> John advised the Group have been looking for direction with regard to Fatal/Non Fatal overdoses and trying to identify close calls either offering services or providing information to individuals who come close to death. Andy gave an update and background to this piece of work which was started three years ago by NHS Addiction Services. Andy is conducting a literature review at the moment and will set up meetings with Maria McLaren and the Ambulance Service towards the end of March, and the draft report will be ready for the next meeting in March.
4	<b>Pro Forma</b> Lesley advised the new pro forma had come from the National Forum and they had suggested we use these headings. These headings are the minimum information required and Robert and Lesley are trying to identify gaps locally. It was agreed the pro forma would be sent out to the group as soon as Robert receives any details of a drug death. Members were asked to complete it and send it back as soon as possible. Discussion followed regarding the headings for physical and sexual abuse and Charles

	<p>advised 60% of his client group have disclosed sexual abuse. It was agreed that these headings for abuse would be useful to be kept in at a local level. Members also discussed establishing information sharing with other services and members should e-mail Lesley before the next meeting with ideas regarding gathering information.</p> <p>Discussion followed regarding capacity for further service provision and it was agreed to put our concerns in writing following Andy's report being available and submit this for the next ADAT Steering Group Agenda.</p>															
5	<p><b>Case Updates</b></p> <p>Robert advised there were still cases from 2007 outstanding to be completed and he is working through these. At the moment there were approximately 30 deaths for 2007.</p>															
6.	<p><b>New Cases for discussion</b></p> <p>Robert advised there had been five deaths in 2008 as follows:</p> <table border="1"> <tr> <td>01-08</td> <td>JSTR Lived alone. Known to police. Paraphernalia for drugs found in flat. Cause of death(i) pulmonary odema and hemorrhage (ii) drug overdose. Confirmed drug death.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>02-08</td> <td>LC Age 44. Divorced, 2 children. Asthma, Heroin addict. Toxicology showed pulmonary odema and overdose of heroin and methadone. High alcohol levels. Confirmed drug death.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>03-08</td> <td>AVD, Aged 44. Known to abuse alcohol and drugs. Occasional injector of heroin. Known to police.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>04-08</td> <td>GH. History of alcohol and drug abuse. Known to prison service. Overdosed and given Narcan 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb. Long standing drinker – new service user.</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td>05-08</td> <td>LB, Aged 31. Heavy drinker. Intravenous heroin user. Long term service user on methadone. Found with needle in her arm.</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>The group discussed the lack of knowledge of the effects of both alcohol and heroin being taken together and it was agreed this issue should go to the Prevention &amp; Education Group advising this is a trend featuring in the deaths we are looking at.</p> <p><i>Charles Lind left the meeting.</i></p>	01-08	JSTR Lived alone. Known to police. Paraphernalia for drugs found in flat. Cause of death(i) pulmonary odema and hemorrhage (ii) drug overdose. Confirmed drug death.		02-08	LC Age 44. Divorced, 2 children. Asthma, Heroin addict. Toxicology showed pulmonary odema and overdose of heroin and methadone. High alcohol levels. Confirmed drug death.		03-08	AVD, Aged 44. Known to abuse alcohol and drugs. Occasional injector of heroin. Known to police.		04-08	GH. History of alcohol and drug abuse. Known to prison service. Overdosed and given Narcan 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb. Long standing drinker – new service user.		05-08	LB, Aged 31. Heavy drinker. Intravenous heroin user. Long term service user on methadone. Found with needle in her arm.	
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7.	<p><b>Choose Life</b></p> <p>Faye advised she had met recently with the Co-ordinator of Choose Life and they are looking at ways of linking in to ADAT. Their question was how we currently record incidents that are suicide - is it recorded as a drug death or suicide and discussion followed regarding whether it was appropriate to link with this group.</p> <p><i>Eleanor Glen Kelly left the meeting</i></p>															

	<p>Members discussed designing specific information leaflets for families. Martin advised there are no alcohol leaflets available in pubs or for police to give out which advise on the dangers of mixing alcohol and drugs.</p>
8.	<p><b>National Forum on Drug Related Deaths</b>  Lesley advised we could use this for an Action plan and it mirrors what we have done locally.</p>
7.	<p><b>AOCB</b>  Communications Group  Lesley advised Ruth will be forming a Communications Group looking at specific campaigns which the Group can link into if there is anything they think might be relevant.</p> <p>John advised he had spoken to Pat Lerpiniere about the Drug Death Review Group and Pat had asked for early notification of any drug deaths.</p> <p>Global Rock Challenge  Martin advised he had attended the Grampian Regional finals of this event and had been very impressed. Be Your Best Foundation had chaired the event. He will circulate dvd of the event when this is available.</p> <p>Andrew will speak to Ron Lilley regarding numbers of near misses and see if we can get the information required. He advised that as of last year ambulance staff as well as paramedics can now administer Narcan and this will be reflected in the figures.</p>
8.	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  25 March 2008, 9.30am ADAT Lodge.</p>