

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

**EAST AYRSHIRE JOINT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GROUP ON SUBSTANCE MISUSE
(JPIG)**

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 13 APRIL 2006 AT ATRIUM HOMES, 39/41 JOHN
FINNIE STREET, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Stuart Bates, Children and Families Manager, East Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Liam Wells, Joint Manager Substance Misuse, East Ayrshire Council
Allan Morley, Community Safety Sergeant, Strathclyde Police
Susan Wilson, Public Health Practitioner, East Ayrshire Community Health Partnership
Billy McDowall, Team Leader CLAD, East Ayrshire Council
Matthew Plunkett, Managing Director, Human Factors
Megan Sudbery, Senior Analyst, Human Factors
Eileen Kennedy, Co-ordinator, Momentum Scotland
Sharon Flynn, Acting ADAT Co-ordinator, Ayrshire & Arran ADAT
Ayleen McBride, Director, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol
Marnie Hodge, Service Manager, Turning Point Scotland

APOLOGIES : Pat Lerpiniere, Patient Services Manager, NHS
Hugh B Carswell, Integration Manager, East Ayrshire Council
Fiona MacKinnon, Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Ayrshire Council
Kathleen Bryson, Project Manager, Lighthouse Foundation
Margaret MacBain, Senior Practitioner, East Ayrshire Council Community Learning
& Development
Superintendent Liz Weir, Strathclyde Police
Celia Gray, Service Manager, Children and Families, East Ayrshire Council

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	Stuart Bates welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	
1.	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Apologies, as noted above, were received for the meeting.	

<p>2.</p>	<p><u>MINUTES OF LAST MEETING HELD ON 2 MARCH 2006 AND MATTERS ARISING</u></p> <p>Stuart invited members to go through the Minute in order to deal with matters arising and accuracy.</p> <p>Page 3 (Page 5 – Item 9 – Scotland Against Drugs (SAD) Funding Bid</p> <p>It was noted that yipworld.com were unsuccessful in obtaining funding through SAD, however East Ayrshire Council were able to identify additional resources.</p> <p>Page 8 – (v) Turning Point</p> <p>Marnie Hodge advised that Ms Bryson did not contact Turning Point regarding accommodation and services in Ayr.</p> <p>It was noted that the Planning Committee which was scheduled to take place on 28 March was affected by Industrial Action. The rescheduled Committee will take place on 2 May 2006.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn advised that discussion regarding accommodation took place yesterday within ADAT. It was subsequently agreed that ADAT will write to the Chief Executive to express concerns.</p> <p>Liam advised that, as part of consultation process, the Planning Department are obliged to seek views of the NHS and the local authority. Two responses have been submitted – one from NHS and the Executive Head of Social Work which are supportive.</p> <p>AOB – Page 5 (iv) – Addictions Officer (Child Protection)</p> <p>It was noted that someone has been recommended for the post, however no date has been agreed for the candidate taking up the post as a response from Disclosure Scotland is awaited. The postholder will be based at the Balmoral Road office, Kilmarnock, but will cover the whole authority and will work specifically with pregnant drug users within East Ayrshire Council. South and North Ayrshire Councils do not have an equivalent post within their authorities.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>DRUG AND ALCOHOL STRATEGY</p> <p>Matthew Plunkett and Megan Sudbery were introduced and a handout was circulated to members.</p> <p>Human Factors is a company which is affiliated to the Psychology Department, Strathclyde University and work to Professor John Donis. The limited company started in 2000 and over the last six years have conducted a number of reviews.</p> <p>Megan Sudbery will be the main contact for the project and has worked with a range of organisations. The main objective of the company is to deliver a drugs and alcohol strategy across Ayrshire which will match the National and local</p>	

<p>priorities and will focus on the four pillars of the National Strategy and will interview a number of groups to obtain their views. Human Factors will not review services but will be looking to develop a service matching National Standards and will find out possible gaps. The company will require access to services, access to keyholders and will interview a whole range of people across Ayrshire either over the telephone or face to face who are doing the job on a day to day basis. A proforma will be issued which will help with the mapping of services and a questionnaire to obtain staff views around the National and local perspectives. Megan and a colleague will be in contact with people over the next couple of weeks. They have been assured that the ethical consent has been addressed and the exercise has a 3½ month timescale.</p> <p>Human Factors are based at the Strathclyde Campus, Glasgow, and will have a working desk at ADAT Lodge.</p> <p>Susan Wilson made a suggestion that contact be made with the School Nurse as well and to link in with Sharon Flynn to ensure all areas are covered.</p> <p>Liam Wells advised that it is crucial for him as, having been involved in a number of pieces of work, that a 'glossy' strategy is not produced. What would be, in his view, useful would be for each JPIG to have an Action Plan with measurable outcomes at the end.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn advised that discussion took place at an ADAT meeting yesterday and that her role is to ensure that information is disseminated across the authority.</p> <p>It was noted that the Alcohol and Drug Action Team reviews will be completed over the next six months.</p> <p>Susan Wilson enquired how this would fit within Community Planning. Susan currently works on the Children's Service Plan.</p> <p>Stuart Bates felt it would be unwise for JPIG to embark on this exercise without including new plans, when we are developing new situations all the time, which the JPIG might need to incorporate into the new strategy. It was felt that the Children's Service Plan should be a 'living document' which took account of new developments.</p> <p>It was noted that there was danger of an overlap in services but staff such as Hugh Carswell would advise JPIG on all the plans that are going on.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn advised that as well as addressing change in culture, it is important to address protection and control.</p> <p>Stuart Bates wished Matthew and Megan well on behalf of the JPIG and looked forward to receiving a response from Human Factors in the next three and half months.</p> <p>Human Factors Team can be contacted at Lord Hope Building, 141 St James Road, Glasgow, G4 0LT. Telephone : 0141 548 4510. Fax : 0141 548 4508.</p>	<p>MS</p> <p>SF</p>
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<p>4.</p>	<p>SERVICE UPDATE</p> <p>Two submissions were tabled from Strathclyde Police and yipworld.com to advise people of any developments and update information regarding services.</p> <p>Marnie Hodge advised that she will circulate new contact details, via Angela Watson, for circulation to members.</p> <p>Ayleen McBride advised members regarding a new initiative within Ayrshire Council on Alcohol for young people and alcohol (under 16's) and will circulate this information, via Angela Watson, to JPIG members.</p> <p>Liam Wells advised members that there is a possibility of Allan Morley, Strathclyde Police, and yipworld.com linking in to look at youth diversion to target vandalism, e.g., using the Stagecoach bus facility to get kids off the streets. There may be opportunities to move people from diversion into learning and an opportunity for yipworld.com to develop a learning opportunity to kids. Liam will discuss this further with Janice Hendry.</p> <p>Community Learning and Development had organised the 10th Annual Youth Conference on 5 April 2006, at the Park Hotel, Kilmarnock, where young people's issues and health were addressed. Over 200 young people attended on the day. Feedback from the Conference was positive and that the Conference was really good. The overall aim of the Council is to highlight information available for young people in east Ayrshire. The Council have a successful peer education project and a newsletter will be produced in the near future and we are looking at also including this within the 'Headlines' magazine.</p>	<p>MH / AGW</p> <p>AMcB / AGW</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>AYRSHIRE COUNCIL ON ALCOHOL – FUNDING UPDATE</p> <p>Ayleen McBride advised members that funding from North Ayrshire Council was withdrawn and finishes on 19th May. This is causing difficulties for clients that are left in North Ayrshire Council. People should come in on a self referral basis. The new Relapse Management Team may be able to pick this up. Ayrshire Council on Alcohol receive funding from South Ayrshire Council, East Ayrshire Council and the Health Board.</p> <p>One of the recommendations of the Review was to look at the feasibility study of running from one centre. ACA currently have two – one in Kilmarnock and one in Ayr. This matter is being considered by ACA. It was noted that there are difficulties in obtaining any financial assistance for accommodation from the Robertson Trust. ACA are also looking at outreach work, but will get back to funders and monitors in due course.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn updated members on AddAction who are a UK based organisation who operate two projects in Glasgow and are currently recruiting staff. The service will commence on 3^d July and the organisation will be looking for accommodation, which will mean we will have additional substantial resources given they are UK wide.</p>	

	<p>AddAction have approached Turning Point regarding the possibility of sharing accommodation with them, should they be able to secure premises that are big enough. AddAction have also been awarded the contract for Smart Recovery.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn will provide a one page update on the service and their responsibilities and will email this to Angela Watson for circulation to members.</p>	SF / AGW
<p>6.</p>	<p>CORPORATE ACTION PLAN</p> <p>Sharon Flynn provided members with an update from the ADAT Meeting and AGM held yesterday.</p> <p>Dr Maggie Watts has been agreed as the new Chair. The majority of the meeting centred around the CAP. Sharon has also been notified by NHS of a financial underspend of some £200,000 - £187,000 allocated to the Action Plan with £20,000 to tackle binge drinking.</p> <p>Monies were agreed at the meeting yesterday and Sharon circulated a summary of the Action Plan to members. It was noted that there is a potential underspend on recurring money, however Sharon is waiting on feedback on this from the Scottish Executive and will update members in due course.</p> <p>Sharon advised members that she is hoping to establish a small action group and obtain some sort of commitment to look at how we take these projects forward.</p> <p>After discussion it was agreed that the group would include Susan Wilson, Allan Morley and Liam Wells, and will be linked to the Corporate Action Plan, is a reporting tool and monitoring tool for the Scottish Executive. Sharon will co-ordinate with member of this group.</p> <p>Stuart Bates thanked members for volunteering and acknowledged that it is important to take this forward.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn advised that she will be meeting with Maggie Watts regarding the Corporate Action Plan on Wednesday 27th which will be submitted to the Scottish Executive by 27th April.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>DRAFT NATIONAL STANDARDS</p> <p>Liam Wells thanked people for their input at the last meeting and was looking for a commitment to sign this piece of work off in order to meet the deadline date of 6th April.</p> <p>Marnie Hodge raised her concerns regarding the National Standards and also the Care Commission and enquired if there were any guidelines regarding alcohol and who would be bearing the costs for Standards for monitoring. Marnie is concerned that a substantial part of the budget is set aside.</p>	

	<p>Ayleen McBride also raised concerns as, at the end of the day, how do we demonstrate who will pick up the costs. As a result of the consultation, monitoring is highlighted as a key element of the National Standards.</p> <p>Detailed discussion took place regarding this issue.</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</p> <p>(I) Scotland Against Drugs Reports</p> <p>Liam Wells advised that prior to their untimely demise, Scotland Against Drugs conducted a pilot of training for early years staff. The pilot initiative was produced by Glasgow University of the early Years Initiative in the Forth Valley.</p> <p>Colleagues in Early Years have been circulated with the information.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn will forward information regarding 'Naloxone' to Angela Watson for circulation to members for comment by 14th June.</p> <p>Sharon Flynn updated members on the SAMH event in Glasgow on 1st June regarding alcohol related brain damage.</p> <p>Ayleen McBride updated members on the post within the Custody Suite within the Police Station and highlighted her concerns when the funding money finishes in May. ACA receive referrals from the Police and Ayleen is keen for the post to continue. Costs are £11,903 for one worker and it is considered that this is a very valuable service and Ayleen is looking for agreement from JPIG.</p> <p>After discussion Stuart Bates advised that members had indicated unanimous support and that the post be funded through the Corporate Action Plan.</p> <p>It was considered useful if members could provide information regarding any other projects that are around or any specific issues about projects.</p> <p>Start Bates thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	<p>SF / AGW</p>
<p>9.</p>	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p><u>The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 25th May 2006, at 10.00 a.m., within the Meeting Room, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol, 22 Portland Road, Kilmarnock.</u></p>	