

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES**

**EAST AYRSHIRE SUBSTANCE MISUSE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP**

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2005 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,  
JOHN DICKIE STREET, KILMARNOCK**

**PRESENT:** Fiona MacKinnon, Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Ayrshire Council (Chair)  
Pat Lerpiniere, Patient Services Manager, NHS  
John Cameron, Co-ordinator Addictions, NHS  
Billy Templeton, Dev. Pharmacist, East Ayrshire LHCC  
Ayleen McBride, Manager, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol  
Frances Mason, Alcohol Development Officer, ADAT  
Donald McIntosh, East Ayrshire Council Police Liaison Officer  
Kathleen Bryson, Project Manager, Lighthouse Foundation

**APOLOGIES:** Bill Eadie, Senior Manager, Operations, East Ayrshire Council  
Celia Gray, Service Manager Children and Families, East Ayrshire Council  
Hugh B Carswell, Integration Manager, East Ayrshire Council  
Carolann Leichner  
Suzanne  
Chief Inspector Bob Brown, Strathclyde Police

		<b>ACTION</b>
	<p>Fiona MacKinnon welcomed those present to the meeting and advised that she was chairing the meeting on behalf of Bill Eadie who had another diary commitment.</p> <p>Introductions were made.</p>	
<b>1.</b>	<p><b>APOLOGIES</b></p> <p>Apologies as noted above.</p>	
<b>2.</b>	<p><b>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 11 NOVEMBER 2005</b></p> <p>Fiona asked members to consider the Minute both in terms of accuracy and matters arising.</p> <p>There were no matters arising.</p>	
<b>3.</b>	<p><b>FEEDBACK FROM ADAT</b></p> <p><b>Update on Employability Sub Group</b></p> <p>No update available.</p> <p><b>Waiting Times Update</b></p> <p>Frances circulated copies of the Waiting Times Framework 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Summary Report dated 2 February 2005.</p>	

	<p>At the ADAT meeting held yesterday, it was noted that the figures were global and it had asked if a breakdown of locality could be provided. It was acknowledged that this was fairly easy to do and that guidance would be sought from the Scottish Executive.</p> <p>The comprehensive report will be produced every quarter and a breakdown for East Ayrshire would prove particularly useful.</p> <p>Frances advised that the Corporate Action Plan is to be completed by 31 March 2005 and the Scottish Executive have explicitly advised that no CAP, no cash. Frances will Email a copy of the Scottish Executive guidance regarding the completion of the Corporate Action Plan.</p> <p>Fiona advised that Bill Eadie had suggested that a small working group comprising relevant representatives be formed to complete the East Ayrshire part of the Action Plan in order to provide a very clear steer of what is expected of us so that everybody has a clear picture of what is expected of them. Frances will be involved in this group and will assist members.</p> <p>The first meeting will be held on Wednesday, 16 February 2005, at 3.30 p.m. at ADAT, ADAT Lodge, Ayrshire Central Hospital, Kilwinning Road, Irvine. And the group will involve:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fiona MacKinnon</li> <li>• Frances Mason</li> <li>• Pat Lerpiniere</li> <li>• Kathleen Bryson</li> <li>• Ayleen McBride</li> <li>• Representative from Strathclyde Police (Fiona to contact Chief Inspector Bob Brown regarding nominee).</li> </ul> <p>It was noted that the Corporate Action Plan submission will be linked with the three proposals that were submitted to the Scottish Executive on 1 February 2005, i.e., (a) Community Rehabilitation Project, (b) Abstinence Based Proposal and (c) Methadone proposal. It was noted that the timescale for submissions was incredibly tight which allowed no consultation with partners. It was also noted that the indicative amount available from the Scottish Executive is £0.5 Million and members were encouraged to put major input into the Corporate Action Plan.</p> <p><u>Prevalence Study</u> - Pat advised that the numbers of those with a drug addiction problem across Scotland seem to be down from 55,000 to 51,000, however South Ayrshire area saw an enormous increase. It was noted that the figures cannot be compared as there are no figures for 2002. It was also noted that urban drug addiction seems to be levelling out and there has been an increase in rural areas as evidenced in South Ayrshire Council.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>FM</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>FMack</b></p>
<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>BLUE TRIANGLE</b></p> <p>Unfortunately Nicola Thom was not present at the meeting. This item will be put on the agenda for the next meeting.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGW – Agenda Item</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES – EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</b></p> <p>Fiona updated members on the lengthy tendering process which was carried out for drug services for East Ayrshire, South Ayrshire and Health. The tendering exercise was completed in January and the contract has been awarded to Turning Point who will now provide services. Bridge will cease providing services on 31 March 2005.</p>	

	<p>Both Health and the two Councils recognise that this will raise anxiety for service users.</p> <p>It was noted that Turning Point have previous experience of picking up an existing service and indeed expanding that service. Turning Point deliver drug services in the Borders and Glasgow areas.</p> <p>The expectation is for as smooth a transition as possible and it was acknowledged that there will be some uncertainties and that we need to make whatever arrangements we can to avoid any hick-ups.</p>	
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>TREATMENT AND REHABILITATION PROTOCOL</b></p> <p>Fiona gave an update on the Treatment and Rehabilitation paper for the Alcohol and Drug Action Team dated November 2004, (circulated), which was prepared by Fiona, Pat and a group of individuals from North and South Ayrshire Councils. The group had found that people were consistently getting “stuck” in the system and there was nowhere for them to go. Over several months the group met to produce an agreed model of community treatment and rehabilitation for addiction services across Ayrshire. The procedure now has clear roles regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment</li> <li>• Care Plan</li> <li>• Reviews</li> </ul> <p>Due to the detail contained in the paper, Fiona advised that if any individual wanted to discuss the paper further then she would be happy to put this item on the agenda of a future meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that the paper was raised at an ADAT Meeting and had been endorsed by the group.</p> <p>Billy suggested now that Turning Point were providing drug addiction services, it may be advisable to involve the Community Pharmacist to meet with Turning Point, as it is important to form relationships and communication is also critical. It was noted that the Pharmacists have a new contract coming up in 2006.</p> <p>It was noted that 1,100 people in Ayrshire are on the methadone programme, however there are 250 people still waiting on the system.</p> <p>It was noted that many of the people the Police come into contact with use other substances and are “topping up” with methadone.</p> <p>Kath raised some concerns that young girls may be deliberately getting pregnant to obtain methadone. Fiona advised that there is no evidence in East or South Ayrshire that a pregnant drug user is deliberately getting pregnant in order to access methadone.</p>	
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>DEVELOPMENT OF SMIG</b></p> <p>It was acknowledged that attendance has been poor over the past few months and there were issues surrounding the numbers in attendance and also the representatives who attend who have the authority to make appropriate decisions.</p> <p>Frances, Ruth, Bill and Fiona have met to discuss how we take this group forward and how to develop services throughout East Ayrshire. It was therefore agreed that a Development Day would be held at Atrium Homes, 39 / 41 John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock, on Wednesday, 16 March 2005 from 1 – 5 p.m. Lunch will be provided.</p>	

	Ayleen McBride requested that Minutes be circulated as soon as possible after meetings as this may allow for greater attendance.	
<b>8.</b>	<b>A.O.C.B.</b>  There was no further business.  Fiona thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.	
	<b>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</b>  <b>The next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2005</u>, at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock.</b>	

*N.B. Anyone wishing to add items to the Agenda should contact Angela Watson, Tel 01563 576728, or Email : [angela.watson@east-ayrshire.gov.uk](mailto:angela.watson@east-ayrshire.gov.uk), one week before each meeting.*