

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE SUBSTANCE MISUSE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 17 MARCH 2005 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
JOHN DICKIE STREET, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Fiona MacKinnon, Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Billy Templeton, LHCC Pharmacy Adviser, East Ayrshire LHCC
Tam Weir, School Drugs Education Advisor, East Ayrshire Council
Elizabeth Weir, Sub Divisional Officer East Ayrshire, Strathclyde Police
Frances Mason, Alcohol Development Officer, ADAT
Celia Gray, Service Manager Children and Families, East Ayrshire Council

APOLOGIES: Bill Eadie, Senior Manager, Operations, East Ayrshire Council
Hugh B Carswell, Integration Manager, East Ayrshire Council
Eddie O'Connor, Team Leader, Community Learning and Development, East Ayrshire Council
Nicola Thom, Homeless Strategy and Services Manager, East Ayrshire Council
Kathleen Bryson, Project Manager, Lighthouse Foundation
Ayleen McBride, Manager, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol

		ACTION
	<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>	
1.	<p>APOLOGIES</p> <p>Apologies as noted above were received for the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTE OF THE LAST MEETING HELD ON 3 FEBRUARY 2005</p> <p>Fiona asked members to consider the Minute both in terms of accuracy as well as any matters arising.</p> <p>There were no corrections to the Minute or any matters arising.</p>	
3.	<p>FEEDBACK FROM ADAT</p> <p>Update on Employability Sub Group</p> <p>Frances advised that the Group met towards the end of February and have completed their section for the Corporate Action Plan. The future of this group and its remit has to be reviewed.</p>	

	<p>Waiting Times Update</p> <p>Frances circulated copies of the Waiting times Report for East Ayrshire which covers the quarter October – December 2004 for perusal. It is important to note that the report does not include the local authority addiction service.</p> <p>Update on Prevention and Education Group / Corporate Action Plan</p> <p>It was noted that the Sub Group has met twice – the first meeting was well attended, however only 5 people attended the second. Copies of the Corporate Action Plan were circulated with a request that responses be sent back to Frances by 16 March 2005 – but only 1 response was received. Frances advised that another letter will be circulated to the Group and that the next meeting is due to be held on 21 April 2005.</p> <p>Tam Weir felt that the CAP is confusing for people as they are unsure what to include and thought it would be helpful if clarification was given. Frances has met with members of the group and has assisted with completion of the CAP.</p> <p>It was noted that Gary Rowe has completed the CAP from a Police perspective and this has been passed to Sharon Flynn.</p> <p>It is Fiona’s understanding that e.g., Health, LHCC, etc., are involved in completing their own sections. Fiona requested that she further discuss this with Frances after the meeting.</p> <p>It was noted that Derek Adam from Strathclyde Police will now join the Prevention and Education Group.</p>	
4.	<p>BLUE TRIANGLE</p> <p>Nicola Thom was unable to attend the meeting, however she had arranged for a paper regarding ‘Blue Triangle Housing Association’ to be tabled at the meeting. Fiona gave a brief update on Blue Triangle who provide accommodation for young homeless people and advised that the service is going out to tender with the new service which will be based on a core and cluster model of accommodation and will be provided from April 2006. Young people will be re-housed but not in Blue Triangle accommodation.</p> <p>Hopefully Nicola will be present at the next meeting if people wish to discuss this further and will also provide an update.</p> <p><u>Housing needs of Young People who have Children</u></p> <p>Celia advised that Mike McGuire, Team Manager Throughcare, has 5 young women on his caseload who have children and who are not ready to move into a tenancy and advised that we may need to look at some form of supported accommodation. Celia will alert Nicola to this issue and will discuss this further with Nicola and will also get Mike to make contact with Nicola.</p>	CG
5.	<p>DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES – EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>Fiona circulated a copy of a poster which is being widely displayed, advertising interim support arrangements for Bridge Service users. A second letter will be issued to services users and an advert will be placed in local newspapers. A crisis service will be operated for 8 weeks until Turning Point are available to provide a full addiction service on 1 June 2005.</p>	

	<p>Billy advised that at present prescriptions are picked up from Bridge, Ayr, and brought back to the pharmacy and enquired whether prescriptions should be picked up from Fort Street, Ayr. Fiona will discuss this issue with Pat Lerpiniere. Billy Templeton will contact Frances Donnachie to clarify the issue about prescriptions.</p> <p>Fiona also advised that correspondence was sent out to some 900 service users asking them to sign a mandate for us to access their files and to date the response was approximately 50%.</p>	FMack / BT
6.	<p>SMIG DEVELOPMENT DAY</p> <p>It was noted that the Development Day scheduled for 16 March was cancelled as a considerable number of apologies had been received. It is crucial that this day be rescheduled and we are therefore looking at the first couple of weeks in May – possibly the 16th - it is essential that people attend. The date for the Development Day will be circulated to the group as soon as possible.</p> <p>Liz Weir felt it would be useful to build this into the Community Plan.</p> <p>Billy Templeton will address the issue of a SMIG representative from LHCC.</p> <p>The nominated representative from Strathclyde Police on the SMIG Group will either be Liz Weir or Bob Brown.</p>	ALL BT
7.	<p>ADAT CONFERENCE REPORT</p> <p>It was noted that the ADAT Conference Report had been circulated, however if anyone had not received a copy, please contact Frances Mason. Frances noted that most of the Action points have or are being addressed.</p> <p>Celia advised that she was the East Ayrshire representative regarding the document 'Getting Our Priorities Right' and has been linking with North Ayrshire Council (Maxine Hawthorn). Celia will also make contact with Sharon Flynn, Drugs Development Officer. Frances will submit a copy of the Officers portfolio to the next group so that members will know who appropriate ADAT contacts are.</p>	FM
8.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <p>There was no other business.</p> <p>Fiona thanked members for their attendance and closed the meeting.</p>	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, 28th April 2005</u>, at 10.00am in the Council Chambers, John Dickie Street, Kilmarnock.</p>	

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, one week before each meeting.