

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL AND SOCIAL SERVICES

EAST AYRSHIRE SUBSTANCE MISUSE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP

**MINUTE OF MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 28 APRIL 2005 IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS,
JOHN DICKIE STREET, KILMARNOCK**

PRESENT: Fiona MacKinnon, Service Manager, Criminal Justice, East Ayrshire Council (Chair)
Superintendent Elizabeth Weir, Strathclyde Police
Sergeant Allan Morley, Strathclyde Police
John Cameron, Co-ordinator Addictions, AAPT
Susan Wisener, Substance Misuse Family Support Worker, East Ayrshire Carers Centre
Billy Templeton, Pharmacy Adviser EACHP, East Ayrshire CHP
Frances Mason, Alcohol Development Officer, ADAT
Tam Weir, School Drugs Education Advisor, East Ayrshire Council
Lawrie Milwain, Social Inclusion Team Leader, Community Planning and Partnership Unit – EAC
Ayleen McBride, Manager, Ayrshire Council on Alcohol
Nicola Thom, Homeless Strategy and Services Manager, East Ayrshire Council
Hugh B Carswell, Integration Manager, East Ayrshire Council

APOLOGIES: Bill Eadie, Senior Manager, Operations, East Ayrshire Council
Celia Gray, Service Manager Children and Families, East Ayrshire Council
Jane Smith, Manager, PRTC Carers Centre

		ACTION
	<p>Fiona MacKinnon welcomed those present to the meeting and was pleased to see an increase in attendance. Fiona advised she was chairing the meeting on behalf of Bill Eadie who was on annual leave.</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 17 MARCH 2005</p> <p>Fiona asked members to consider the Minute both in terms of accuracy as well as any matters arising.</p> <p><u>Correction to Minute</u> Item 3 – Page 2 – (Waiting Times Update) – Last sentence should read :</p> <p>“It was noted that Inspector Derek Ireland, Strathclyde Police, will now join the Prevention and Education Group”.</p>	

	<p>It was also noted that the ADAT Conference Report has been compiled and will be distributed within the next few days. The report can also be accessed via the ADAT Website. However, if members wish, a copy can be sent out with the Minute of the SMIG Group.</p> <p>Billy advised that he had clarified the issue regarding prescriptions and updated that, under the circumstances, NHS and Turning Point have done a good job. Fiona agreed that the people involved have worked hard to get a system up and running and it was so nice to receive positive feedback on the service.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>FEEDBACK FROM ADAT</p> <p>Update on Employability Sub Group</p> <p>Frances advised that the Chair of the Group from Job Centre Plus, is in the process of writing to employers and the Chamber of Commerce. It was noted that there is no representative from EASMIG within this group. After discussion it was agreed that Ayleen McBride will represent the EASMIG Group and will feed back to the group.</p> <p>Waiting Times Update</p> <p>A copy of the Waiting Times Report was circulated with the papers. Frances advised that a number of anomalies had been highlighted within the report and that Ruth Shepherd will call a meeting with Monitoring Officers representing the three local authorities and the NHS to discuss and try to iron these out to see if there are better ways that we can report on the available information.</p> <p>Update from ADAT Support Team</p> <p>Following disappointing representation on the Prevention and Education Group a letter was sent out to LHCC and Education with the result that the turnout at the last meeting was better. Membership of the group is more defined and the scoping exercise is now complete. A group meeting will be held on 25 May to finalise this. Next meeting will take the form of a workshop to identify priority areas of work. Information will be circulated to EASMIG and will also be available on the ADAT website.</p> <p>It was noted that the Corporate Action Plan was submitted to the Scottish Executive, on schedule, on 31 March 2005, however there will be no feedback on this until after the General Election.</p> <p>Copies of the 'ADAT Support Officers Portfolios' were circulated to the group which would provide a useful tool for EASMIG members to see the areas of responsibility covered by ADAT officers.</p> <p>Frances advised that an announcement regarding alcohol monies available from the Scottish Executive is expected shortly, but there has been no word of the anticipated allocation, but it is understood that the action points (approximately 42) will be more specific. Assuming we are successful in obtaining money, the plan for how the money will be spent will be brought to the EASMIG.</p> <p>Liz Weir stressed that it was important to include this within the Community Plan. Liz advised that there was no word as yet regarding monies from Strathclyde Police regarding alcohol and drugs services.</p> <p>Allan Morley reported on the increasing number of young people involved with alcohol and drugs and advised that he would like to get services to those young children right at</p>	<p>AMcB</p>

	<p>the beginning – from the first time they come into contact – from a diversion aspect. Allan has also discussed this with Karen Wallace, Reporters Office, and she is of the same opinion that we need to target resources in this area.</p> <p>Tam Weir advised that early intervention has been identified as a gap for some time and it would be helpful if we could secure monies to target peer education and ensure that we have a clear strategy for this initiative. Tam will discuss this further with Bill Hunter.</p> <p><u>Anti-Social Behaviour</u></p> <p>It is crucial to identify areas of priority and establish a clear agenda at the Development Day on 16 May.</p> <p>It was noted that the Corporate Action Plan was submitted at the last ADAT Steering Group. Frances to forward CAP to Angela who will circulate copies to members of the EASMIG as soon as possible, however the CAP will also be available on the ADAT website : www.adat.org.uk. All information regarding monies is very detailed and is listed in the CAP. Frances took the opportunity to thank members for their support in compiling the CAP and it was noted that the current layout would be utilised.</p>	FM / AGW
<p>4.</p>	<p>BLUE TRIANGLE</p> <p>Nicola Thom had submitted a paper regarding ‘Blue Triangle Housing Association’ at the last meeting and gave a verbal update on the paper and the support services available for the very young client group within the Council’s Hostels.</p> <p>Nicola also updated the group on the Rough Sleeper Initiative monies which provide support for young people who are more vulnerable and run the risk of being put out of accommodation.</p> <p>Nicola briefed the group on the young people support service which will be much more structured with definitive timescales and will detail everything a young person needs to get them from A to B until they are ready for more independent living.</p> <p>Through the Anti-Social Behaviour Order monies and SACRO, a homeless mediation service kicked in at the turn of the year where we are trying to focus on the mediation side in the hope to get young people back to the family home.</p> <p>Nicola updated the group on the young people support service contract was developed with Mike McGuire, Team Manager, Throughcare, and Andy Macdonald, Service Manager, Performance and Development. Nicola will further discuss the issue of homelessness with Mike McGuire and Sharon Flynn.</p> <p>It was noted that Health have recently appointed a part-time Health Visitor through the Health and Homeless Action Plan who will identify links or any gaps or any areas that we need to prioritise.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>DRUG ADDICTION SERVICES – EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</p> <p>John Cameron gave an update on the interim arrangements for Drug Addiction Services within East Ayrshire since Bridge ceased to provide the service on 31st March. Turning Point will be available to provide a full addiction service from 1 June 2005, which will be a totally different service from what was provided by Bridge. If anyone has any issues regarding drug addiction services, please discuss these with Fiona MacKinnon on 01563 576728.</p>	

	<p>Turning Point currently provide a service (couple of hours per day) from the Ayrshire Council on Alcohol Building in Fort Street, and also Cumnock Town Hall, Cumnock and the Bentinck Centre in Kilmarnock.</p> <p>Work is ongoing at present to identify suitable buildings to allow Turning Point to work alongside the Needle Exchange service and it is hoped that this close working relationship will help us to provide a “one stop shop” for clients.</p> <p>Fiona is currently attending weekly meetings regarding the monitoring of interim arrangements for drug addiction services which normally take place each Friday in Ayr.</p> <p>Since the Needle Exchange office closed on 31 March, there was a slight fall in the numbers, however this is now picking up.</p> <p>Turning Point Staff / Accommodation - A Service Manager was appointed two weeks ago and is due to commence employment on 16 May 2005. One Support Worker still to appointed. Administrative staff are now in place. A number of premises have been identified for office bases and we are currently looking at the old Bakery in Cumnock, The Royal Bank Building in John Finnie Street, Kilmarnock.</p>	
6.	<p>SMIG DEVELOPMENT DAY</p> <p>Letters have been sent out for the re-scheduled Development Day on 16 May 2005 at the Fenwick Hotel (12.30 – 5.00pm). Members were reminded that attendance is crucial and we are hoping for an excellent turnout. Ruth Shepherd will chair the event. Sharon and Frances will be facilitators. Steven will also be in attendance.</p>	
7.	<p>A.O.C.B.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. It was noted that a Review of Ayrshire Council on Alcohol has been ongoing and it is hoped that the Review will be completed by 31 May. A draft report will go to the Senior Managers Group within the three authorities and NHS : Bill Eadie for East Ayrshire Council, Sheena Gault for North Ayrshire Council and Jenny Thompson, South Ayrshire Council, with a copy also to Pat Lerpiniere, NHS. The report will be circulated for consultation. 2. Nicola Thom circulated a copy of a paper from NHS Ayrshire Arran - Homelessness and Addictions Project Outline. This paper was the result of a two year study involving a 150-200 client group of people with addiction issues. 3. Billy Templeton advised that he will be moving to a new post, but will ensure that a representative from LHCC will be nominated to attend future meetings. <p>Fiona thanked Billy for his regular attendance at meetings and wished him well in his new post.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Fiona thanked members for this attendance and hoped to see people at the SMIG Development Day at the Fenwick Hotel on the 16th May. 	
	<p>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on <u>Thursday, 9th June 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.