

## **ANGUS ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP**

**Minute of Meeting**

**Friday 22 May 2009**

**Room A St Margaret's House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar**

### **PRESENT**

Robert Peat, Director, Angus Council Social Work and Health  
Hazel Robertson, Principal Planning Officer, Social Work & Health  
Thane Lawrie, Senior Planning Officer, Angus ADP  
Brian Kidd, Consultant Psychiatrist, Chair Dundee ADP  
Ian Fisk, Assistant Principal Officer, Social Work & Health  
Susan Reid, Operations Manager, The WEB Project  
Chris Johnston, TCJA  
Murdo Mathers, Barnardo's Hopscotch  
Alan Campbell, Chief Superintendent, Tayside Police  
Johanna Hutcheon, Administrative Assistant, Angus ADP

### **APOLOGIES**

Susan Wilson, General Manager, CHP  
Shirish Patel, Senior Development Officer, Neighbourhood Services  
Neil Fraser, Strategy & Performance Manager, NHS Tayside  
Ian Taylor, TSMS, NHS Tayside  
Paul Ballard, Health Promotion, NHS Tayside

### **IN ATTENDANCE**

Anne Mollison, Principal Planning Officer  
Iain Johnstone, Licensing Standards Officer

### **Action**

#### **1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES**

Robert welcomed Thane and Johanna to their first meeting and also welcomed Anne Mollison, Iain Johnstone and Brian Kidd. The above apologies were noted.

Hazel Robertson advised that a discussion had taken place with the Fire Service on the best area to place their resources. It had been agreed that their attendance would be most beneficial at the Accountable Group.

#### **LOCAL BYLAWS FOR ALCOHOL – Iain Johnstone**

Iain Johnstone gave a full account of Licensing Board activities in relation to local bylaws for alcohol. He is looking to set up a working group for defining/extending boundaries etc. There must be a

reasonable cause for designating such an area. Iain tabled maps detailing the current bylaw areas. He is looking for the ADP's views on this. After discussions concerning displacement, off sales etc it was decided that Thane Lawrie would respond in writing on behalf of the ADP. **TL**

**2. NOTE OF MEETING OF 11 FEBRUARY 2009**

The note of the previous meeting was agreed as a true and accurate record.

**3. MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising.

**4. DELIVERY ARRANGEMENTS**

The report by the Delivery Reform Group was launched on 20 April. Hazel Robertson and Brian Kidd delivered a workshop at the event.

At the development day on 15 June the group will look at the issues contained within the report. Tayside operates well although there are differences in the level of integration into the Community Planning Partnerships.

At a recent meeting with the ADP Chairs, discussion took place around extending the membership of that group and having an enhanced Chair's meeting in Tayside to meet the requirements of the report. Hazel voiced concerns over duplication and thought establishing a clear role and remit for the ADP Chairs would be wise. Robert said that it was not the intention to create a Tayside ADP.

From today the Drug and Alcohol Action Team will now be known as the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP). At the development day the group will look at the role and remit of the ADP and re-visit membership of the group. The importance of representation at the partnership meetings was highlighted and it was proposed that a substitute should attend if the main member cannot. Councillor Alison Andrews will be the 'linked' elected member for the ADP. **ALL**

**5. SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT**

Robert Peat started off the discussion on the single outcome agreement by saying that it will form a large part of the ADP Development Day. Anne Mollison tabled two papers and spoke to the group about their content. The first paper was for information only and

showed the 2008/09 indicators and measures and the second paper was the outcomes and indicators for 2009/12. The group will have to deliver on both national and local outcomes. Any thoughts, queries or concerns should be forwarded to Anne Mollison via Johanna Hutcheon – [hutcheonj@angus.gov.uk](mailto:hutcheonj@angus.gov.uk). **ALL**

The ADP is one of eight thematic groups of the Community Planning Partnership. The ADP will be expected to deliver a presentation on outcomes on 19 June to the Implementation group. **HGR/TL**

The 2009/12 paper shows the ADP's contributions to the SOA. The SOA has fewer indicators but there is a *below the waterline* reporting template to capture all the actions of the ADP.

Hazel explained that at the Accountable Group she tabled a reporting grid that was created in conjunction with Isabel Johncock – Outcomes Facilitator with the Dundee ADP. The template was streamlined where possible to make it easier for the voluntary sector who have to report across Tayside. The Accountable Group felt that some areas needed quantifying, for example, quality of life. This too will be picked up at the Development Day and we intend to explore how front line services will use it.

Hazel advised that Peter McAuley was looking at how we develop an individual's progress and that a draft toolkit should be available for the Development Day. This will be trialled in Social Work and Health.

Brian Kidd gave an update on the ADP Chair's agreement to take forward the sourcing of a reporting system. The first stage will be an information flows discussion which is being led by Dina Ajeda. Once that has been established the spec will be compared with other available systems and agreed. The resource will be met from a non-recurring under spend.

## **6. AUDIT SCOTLAND REPORT**

The report will be integrated into the discussions of the development day. The partnership will look at how we have taken on board the recommendations of the report and incorporated them into the action plan.

## **7. POLICE ISSUES UPDATE**

Alan Campbell gave an informative overview of the drugs situation within Angus.

Various issues and statistics were highlighted as follows:

- From a Police perspective heroin is the most prevalent illicit drug in Angus
- Liverpool crime groups are trying to establish a foothold in Angus
- Shop lifting and low level selling on the street is high across the area to fund drug use
- Overdose figures – from 29 January to May there had been 26 overdoses. 19 had been male and 7 female. There had been 4 deaths from these overdoses – 3 male and 1 female. Only one person had been in a treatment service.
- Drugs paraphernalia reports – 4 people have been seen openly injecting in the street in Arbroath.
- Cocaine use is not as clear as heroin use – there have been 22 heroin related offences and 9 cocaine related offences.

## **8. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS FUNDING UPDATES**

## **9. FINANCE AND BUDGET ISSUES**

Points 8 and 9 of the agenda were discussed together and were reported as follows:

Robert advised the group that in general the budget was good. He tabled two reports, one being a clinical case in support of an additional Consultant Psychiatrist and an Angus Council report regarding the creation of three new social worker posts.

Brian Kidd spoke to the group about the proposal of the additional Consultant Psychiatrist. The proposal was being put forward to the three Tayside ADP's for support and the reason for this is that with services getting larger in an area that is already heavily funded, it is unlikely that funding could be secured from the NHS. The new consultant would be employed on a full time basis in the Angus locality. There would be a large recurring expenditure for this post however there are monies available from substance misuse. **Angus ADP agreed to support the proposal.**

Iain Fisk advised that 2 social workers had been appointed from alcohol monies to enhance links between substance misuse services and adult care and criminal justice support. They are due to start around the end of July. He also advised that interviews were to take place on 16 July for a training post with Drugs and Alcohol. The training post will co-ordinate with the CHP and will carry a small caseload to keep their skills up to date.

Thane Lawrie advised the group that the three Tayside ADP's made a

contribution of £5k between them towards a research post. He had recently been approached to clarify that funding was still forthcoming and wanted to check this with the group. **It was agreed that Angus ADP would continue to make this contribution.**

A proposal had been received from Tayside Police to fund a Drug and Alcohol Prevention Officer. It was agreed to take this to a meeting of the ADP Executive to look at the funding situation. **ADP Exec**

There is a £20k shortfall in the Alcohol Misuse Expenditure (Service to support families and carers) for the ARBD Carer Support Worker employed by Angus Carers/TCA. The ADP will be able to find funding for this post for the current financial year however no provision has been made for the recurring cost. The service has been encouraged to meet the management costs and overheads themselves. Hazel met with Katy from Angus Carers to establish the nature of the arrangement that was made with Iain Turnbull. **Recurring costs to be discussed at ADP Executive meeting.** **ADP Exec**

The Volunteer Centre has put forward a proposal for funding of £8k for carer's issues. It was felt that by supporting this request it would show commitment from the ADP and would be a positive move. **The request will be taken to the ADP Executive Group for consideration.** **ADP Exec**

Funding of £7500 had been received from Lloyds TSB for next year for the Young Montrose Youth Group, which is a music project.

## 10. ACCOUNTABLE GROUP UPDATE

At the recent Accountable Group meeting Hazel expressed the importance of attendance at the meetings as this group will be responsible for the actions of the ADP in meeting outcomes. It was agreed that if a member could not attend, cover should be provided where possible.

Hazel advised that Thane Lawrie will take over as Chair of the Accountable group as from the next meeting. The priority of the group will be to look at creating a new alcohol and drug strategy and meeting the outcomes of the single outcome agreement.

The next Reference Forum has been planned for early August and will focus on the outcomes.

## 11. JOINT DAAT/CPC GROUP UPDATE

Hazel gave an update on The Montrose Link-Up Initiative. The formal

launch took place on 25 March 2009 and received good media coverage. Link-Up went live on 5 May. All staff are now in post and a researcher has been appointed to evaluate the initiative. The first steering group met on 20 May and two families were discussed. This has resulted in weekend support being provided.

## **12. FOCUS ON ALCOHOL ANGUS PROJECT UPDATE**

Alan Campbell reported on the work of the Project Board which was as follows:

- Eileen McArthur is in the process of concluding her scoping exercise work with Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils.
- The Craigforth report has been finalised and will be distributed the week commencing 25 May.
- The Project Board meetings have been experiencing poor attendance and Alan suggested raising the role and future of the Board at the Development day on 15 June.
- A Healthy, Happy Community event took place at the beginning of the month. Although successful, there was an issue surrounding documentation produced to support the event.

## **13. VOLUNTARY SECTOR ISSUES**

Murdo Mathers expressed that the voluntary sector was pleased that Thane was now in post and that they were looking forward to working with him.

There were no issues with the voluntary sector.

## **14. COMMUNICATIONS**

Communications will be picked up at the next meeting.

## **15. DEVELOPMENT DAY**

The Development Day was discussed throughout the meeting through different agenda items. It was agreed to take a number of discussion points to that day. They were as follows:

- Issues contained within the report by the Delivery Reform Group
- Role and remit of the ADP
- Single Outcome Agreement

- ADP reporting grid
- Role and future of the Focus on Alcohol Board

## 16. AOCB

- Chris Johnston advised on the activities of the CJA. The draft annual report for 08/09 is going to the pre-agenda meeting next week. Thereafter the report will be distributed. The action plan for 2010/11 is in the process of being finalised and the CJA will consult widely for this. The Area Plan for 2011/14 is at the early planning stages. Consultation is planned for this with an initial draft to be ready for discussion by January 2010. Thane Lawrie **TL** to follow this up.
- An article appeared in the press last week highlighting the Angus Family and Friends Support Service. The ADP had not been made aware that this service was being set up and Robert was concerned that the service was unaware of support available to them and whether consideration had been taken over health and safety issues as the service was using Council premises. Two nurses in the Substance Misuse Service have set this up. Thane **TL** is to follow up on this and meet with the nurses and link them to support such as the worker in the Carer Centre. Brian Kidd **BK** is meeting with Becky Forrester on 23 June and will look at the strategic point of view with her.
- Brian Kidd advised that a researcher was taking forward oral fluid testing. Depending on the success, this testing may become more widely available.

## 17. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 19 August at 2.00pm in Room B, St Margaret's House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar