

ANGUS DRUG AND ALCOHOL ACTION TEAM (DAAT)
Minute of Meeting
Wednesday 11 February 2009 at 2.00pm
Room A, St Margaret's House, Orchardbank Business Park, Forfar

PRESENT

Robert Peat	Director, Angus Council Social Work and Health
Iain Turnbull	Development Manager, Angus DAAT
Hazel Robertson	Principal Planning Officer, Social Work and Health
Danny Webster	Education Strategic Support Officer / Children's Team Leader
Alan Campbell	Chief Superintendent, Tayside Police
Neil Fraser	Strategy/Performance, NHS Substance Misuse Service
Chris Johnston	Community Justice Authority
Murdo Mathers	Voluntary Sector Forum
John Mowatt	Tayside Fire and Rescue
Susan Wilson	General Manager, Angus CHP
Susan Reid	Voluntary Sector Forum
Shirish Patel	Senior Development Officer, Strategies and Plans
Adam Cormie	Clerical Assistant, Children's Team (Minute)

APOLOGIES

Paul Ballard	Health Promotion, NHS Tayside
Elisabeth Millar	Procurator Fiscal's Officer
Fraser Munro	Scottish Prison Service
Ian Taylor	NHS Tayside, TSMS

IN ATTENANCE

Alison Mitchell	Intelligence Analyst, Tayside Police
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Action

1. Tayside Police Drug and Alcohol Overview in Angus

Alison Mitchell from the Tayside Police Force Information / Intelligence Division, presented to the group an interesting and highly informative overview of the drug situation within Angus.

Various issues and statistics were highlighted such as:

- Heroin market in Tayside is worth around £50 million each year
- A "mapping project" is being undertaken by Tayside Police, to address a lack of knowledge and understanding of drug markets
- The impact on the community was looked at, with varying trends in robbery, shoplifting and house break-in's being addressed
- The group discussed the number of reported fatal and non-fatal overdoses in Angus within a three month period from October 2008 – January 2009, with two fatalities and 27 non-fatalities. These were mainly heroin related.
- It was noted that these figures were higher than the Perth and Kinross area.

- The issue of Cocaine becoming increasingly popular, with this drug being commonly used within a socio-demographic grouping that is difficult to monitor.

The group further discussed possible ways in which all these issues could be addressed. Suggestions included:

- Increased number of outreach services
- Sharing of mapping data, once sanitised
- Intervention at an early age i.e. educational programmes

2. **Welcome and Introductions**

Robert welcomed everyone in attendance and noted the above apologies.

3. **Note of Previous Meeting held on 10 December 2008**

The group approved the minutes of the previous meeting held on 10 December 2008 as a true and accurate record.

4. **Matters Arising**

Tayside Fire and Rescue

The future representative from Tayside Fire and Rescue will need to be clarified.

Craigforth Consultancy

It was noted that NHS Scotland will be publishing the final report based on the wake of the Craigforth Consultancy soon, with this being circulated nationally.

Sunflower Garden

Following Hazel and Robert's visit to the Sunflower Garden in October last year, the proposal for a similar project in Angus will be considered in the context of current demand and the development of children's service following learning from the Montrose Link-Up initiative.

Barnardos Hopscotch

In order to best accommodate the needs of children, it was noted by the group that the role of Hopscotch needs to be expanded so that it delivers an enhanced service.

ECLIPS

Iain Turnbull has met with Ingrid, the representative from ECLIPS, which is a scheme that has been designed to support people with substance misuse problems. A revised leaflet was distributed to the group, with Iain highlighting that some areas had been removed.

This leaflet is designed to target people who are going into treatment, with singular all-encompassing information.

Iain asked the group if final comments/feedback could be passed to him.

Additional Meeting – 27 January 2009

An additional meeting of the Angus DAAT was held on 22 January 2008.

It was noted that the offer from Dundee has not been possible to take up, and the process for recruiting a new development manager was also discussed. Robert Peat, Alan Campbell and Hazel Robertson are currently looking at applications, of which there have been eleven. These will go to interview in early March.

**RP/HR/
AC**

Robert highlighted the key area of Criminal Justice Services for substance misuse, with discussion focusing on such issues as:

- tendering for arrest-referral – a thorough cost/benefit analysis is required to take place
- processes for commissioning
- the impact on the provision of service, Robert will bring this to the Tayside DAAT Chair's meeting

5. Delivery Arrangements / Outcomes Framework

It was noted that the final report for the Delivery Reform Group was delivered to Scottish Ministers.

All DAAT Chairs' in Scotland were invited to the Scottish Government to meet the Ministers' responsible for Drug and Public Health issues. Robert attended to represent the Angus DAAT, and he stated that the Chairs' were happy with the recommendations made.

However, there were areas of development that needed to be looked at such as the relationship with SAADAT, the Toolkit and the Single Outcome Agreement.

The main recommendation to come out of the report was that the 32 partnerships across Scottish local authorities should be renamed Alcohol and Drug Partnerships and located in community planning partnerships.

It was noted that a final report will be sent to members, when it is released by the Scottish Government. This should be released as a joint statement by both COSLA and the Scottish Government.

6. Single Outcome Agreement

It was noted that there was a general expectation that the DAAT should review and amend the outcomes. Hazel stated that she had met with Anne Mollison and Vivien Smith, regarding the national outcomes and high level outcomes for the 2009-2012 Single Outcome Agreement.

High level outcomes will have a six month reporting structure to the community planning partnerships; however a template will need to be drawn up in regards to this.

Alan Campbell stated that he was to look at this template in order to refine the outcomes i.e. “below the waterline”.

Hazel stated that accountable groups need a clearer action plan. A suggestion was that an implementation group be set up to monitor this, and that the new development manager continues to report on outcomes.

Meeting with SAADAT

Iain Turnbull and Anne Mollison had made a presentation on the DAAT’s contribution to the SOA and SAADAT officers.

It was noted that at the SADAAT meeting, there was a general consensus that Angus was moving forward at a greater pace than other DAAT partnerships across Scotland.

7. Progress re Alcohol HEAT Target – Neil Fraser

Neil Fraser informed the group on the progress that was being made in relation to HEAT targets.

He stated that NHS Tayside was at present, just below reaching its target trajectory, with the figures received excluding acute hospital units. However Screening/Brief Interventions had been noted from primary care centres.

Neil mentioned that there was an issue with collating data from acute units, and the difficulty in gaining a balance between qualitative and quantitative data collection.

There was also going to be a delay in rolling out a system in maternity services. However, he was overall confident that fourth quarter results will deliver on the target.

It was noted that hopefully once this data is collated and analysed, then it will assist in understanding alcohol consumption levels within the population.

The main outcomes to take forward were introducing a scheme into pharmacies and other points of contact, as well as piloting the increased use of qualitative data collection methods.

8. Alcohol and Drug Funding Issues

Choices For Life

Danny Webster informed the group of this national programme which is aiming to raise awareness of drug misuse amongst primary seven pupils. Danny estimated that to transport all primary seven pupils to the nearest venue, which was Aberdeen, would cost in the region of £10,000 to £12,000.

However, to link up with Dundee City Council and to host a Tayside event in Perth would cost £130,000.

It was suggested that primary schools in only the Brechin and Montrose areas could pilot the event, in order to assess its effectiveness and whether it would represent value for money in the long-term. This would cover 12 of the 55 Angus primary schools (21% of the total P7 population)

In the meantime, Danny and Ron McNaughton are to attend the Aberdeen venue in order to investigate what is on offer. **DW/RM**

It was noted that the DAAT would consider funding this at an approximate cost of £2000.

“A Day in the Life of Linzi” Educational DVD

Danny also highlighted this educational DVD, which EDS is aiming to roll out to every school in Angus by August 2009.

EDS is looking for funding to buy 30 DVD's, at a total cost of £750.

SNAFD

DAAT's have been approached regarding funding family members to attend the national SNAFD conference at an approximate cost of £175. The DAAT approved in principle a conclusion that family members were linked in some way to local services.

10. Accountable Group

Hazel Robertson stated the importance of attendance at Accountable Group meetings and the responsibility to take actions forward, especially within areas such as the Single Outcome Agreement. It was noted that members of the DAAT should communicate this to the staff that are representing their agency on the group.

11. Joint DAAT/CPC Group Update

- Hazel and Danny advised that a senior clerical assistant has been appointed to the Montrose Link-Up Initiative.
- Encourage front line staff to attend launch event
- Chief Officers given information to circulate to key staff to ensure this.

12. Focus on Alcohol Angus Project Update

The national report was discussed, and this will be signed off and published imminently. It was noted there had been an increase in applications for the Best Bar None awards.

Discussion took place in regards to responsible drinking at the awards, and whether or not wine should be available.

It was suggested that the planning group for the next awards consider the best way to offer hospitality at the event.

13. Voluntary Sector Issues

No major issues were reported, with it being noted that the voluntary sector forum will be picked up again at a later date.

14. Communications

No communications were reported, however Robert informed the group of a change of date for the next meeting. The group was then consulted on which day would be suitable.

15. Additional Items

Housing

Shirish Patel highlighted the significant changes occurring in housing at present and the need for the council to plan for future housing needs.

Drug Alcohol/Awareness Evening

Danny is to link with Hazel Robertson regarding this event in order to find out how it is going to be structured. It will be held in Arbroath High School on 18 March 2009 at 7pm. .

DW/HR

If anyone is interested in attending, could they please contact either Danny or Hazel.

Goodbye to Iain

Robert and the group paid their farewells to Iain, who is leaving his post after six and a half years.

16. Date of next meeting

The next meeting is to be held on Friday 22 May 2009, 2.00pm, Meeting Room A, St Margaret's House, Forfar

Please note change of date.