

**Meeting:** Safer Communities Executive Board

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**Report Title:** Drug & Alcohol Action Team Update

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### Summary

We are now into the second quarter of delivery against our Adult Drug Treatment Plan. Key things to note:

### Performance

The provisional results of the Health Care Commission audit on diversity and Tier 4 commissioning gives Haringey DAAT a provisional score of 4 – excellent. This will be a second year of scoring excellent – in the HCC audit should this result be ratified. Last years audit was based on harm minimisation and commissioning systems.

Haringey increased its effective treatment rate to 89%, the best in London.

At the end of the first quarter Haringey's successful drug treatment exit rate was 64% - the second best in London.

Haringey increased its number of Problematic Drug Users in effective treatment over 2007/08 by 24%. One of the best performances in London.

NI40 - (Numbers in effective treatment target) - this has been surpassed (966 against 954 year end target). However we understand from GoL that the LAA target will be refreshed in December in the light of actual year end (07/08) out turn figures. In effect this means that the 2008/09 target for Haringey remains at 8% increase on 2007/08 baseline. This equates to a target figure of 1008 and should not therefore present any problems.

Therefore for the three period of the LAA agreement the targets and numbers as:

- 2008/09 – 8% on 2007/08 baseline = 1008 PDU's in effective treatment
- 2009/10 – 14% on 2007/08 baseline = 1064 PDU's in effective treatment
- 2010/11 - 20% on 2007/08 baseline = 1120 PDU's in effective treatment

Whilst the aim is to have the LAA and NHS (Vital Signs) targets as the same, the two targets are calculated differently which will mean that the target

numbers will diverge slightly each year. This means that for the three years the LAA expects a 20% increase in the 2007/08 baseline, the NHS is seeking a 21.3% increase on the 2007/08 baseline.

### **Progress Against Drug Treatment Plan Objectives**

Excellent progress is being made against the key treatment priorities; no target has been identified as having unsatisfactory progress.

The new crack/poly drug user service (EBAN) is seeing a rapid increase in new clients. Its co location with the Drugs Interventions Project (CRI) is impacting on the attrition rate between drug users being assessed in police custody to their entering drug treatment.

### **Reduction of blood borne viruses**

Actions to reduce the spread of blood borne viruses are underway including the piloting of the contingency management approach to increasing uptake of Hepatitis B immunisation. The employment of a second nurse based in EBAN will mean access to screening and vaccination will be greatly improved.

### **Counselling service for Carers**

A counselling service and support group is now available for carers.

### **National Treatment Agency Reviews**

The annual mid year review against the implementation of the adult drug treatment plan is scheduled to take place on 21<sup>st</sup> November. The NTA London Lead along with our local DRM attends the review to give feedback on our progress/performance to date. This year for the first time the NTA will also be conducting a review of the implementation of the Young People's Treatment Plan. - On 9<sup>th</sup> October.

### **Recommendations:**

To note progress being made on implementing the Drug Treatment Plan.

To seek clarity from GoL as to whether NI40 will be refreshed as stated in the report.

### **Financial/Legal implications**

None

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