

Meeting: Safer Communities Executive Board
Date: 12 December 2008
Report Title: DAAT Partnership Board Update
Report of: Marion Morris

Purpose

To provide the Board with an update on key pieces of work undertaken by the DAAT Partnership Board in the last quarter.

Summary**Performance Update:**

As of July 08 (latest data) Haringey DAAT now has 980 problematic drug users in effective treatment which equates to 5.04% of the annual drug treatment target. NI40.

Drug System Change Pilots – Expressions of Interest:

The DAAT has submitted an EOI to be considered as one of the potential pilot sites for testing out personalised budgets with drug users.

The aim of this drug system change pilot will be to test whether individual or personalised budgets can be successful in improving the reintegration and rehabilitation of drugs users who have completed treatment and are abstinent or who have stabilised on a care planned treatment program.

Personalisation is taken to mean – “the way in which services are tailored to the needs and preferences of citizens. The overall vision is that the state should empower citizens to shape their own lives and the services they receive”.

The pilot proposes to utilise existing Pooled Drug Treatment and Local Authority Community Care monies to expand DASH’s role into supporting service users to develop self directed support plans, through either self or joint assessment.

The outcome of the EOI will be known by 22 December – with successful partnerships then invited to work up a more detailed proposal for submission on 6 February.

If the proposal is successful existing governance arrangements will be

utilised. In addition a new Drug System Change Pilot Programme Board will be set up to capture the learning and drive the project forward. This in turn will feed into the existing local Transforming Social Care Board.

The DAAT Strategy Manager will sit on the Advisory Board being set up by the Royal Society of Arts which is being established to (i) work with West Sussex DAAT to deliver an intensive action research pilot into personalised services and individual budgets for drug users; and (ii) provide a forum for sharing learning and good practice between Haringey and West Sussex Drug System Change Pilots.

Future Substance Misuse Training:

From next year the substance misuse training programme - which is delivered free to all professionals and residents living & working in Haringey will cease (due to budget reductions).

The DAAT are in discussion with both OD & L and the PCT Training Department re taking over the commissioning of this training.

Alcohol Strategy:

The alcohol strategy was officially signed off at the cabinet meeting of the 18 November 2008. Work is now well underway to implement the action plan, key things to note:

- Public Health undertaking an analysis of alcohol related hospital admissions.
- Detailed commissioning proposal to be worked up for submission to PCT in next few weeks.
- Detailed modelling of treatment system being presented at the February DAAT Joint Commissioning Group.
- Xmas alcohol campaign event happening on 12th December – Wood Green Shopping City. Information stall and new alcohol harm reduction leaflet being distributed.
- A meeting has been held with Medical Director, A & E Consultant and Assistant Chief Executive of North Middlesex Hospital re taking forward the brief intervention work in A & E and on the wards. Also discussed was how we could better improve data collection of alcohol related violence. Membership of the existing Steering Group which oversees the Alcohol Brief Interventions work will be extended to include Consultant and Assistant Chief Executive.

NTA Review:

The annual six monthly National Treatment Agency review of the DAAT took place on the 21 November 2008. This is largely a performance review of the DAAT and its effectiveness. The NTA heard from the DAAT service user and carer representatives. The review was very positive and we await formal written feedback.

Legal/Financial Implications

N/A

Recommendations

To note progress to date.

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