

Present:

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| Jane Humphreys(Chair) | Corporate Director, CESC |
| Caroline Wood | SBC Housing |
| Kerry Anderson | Stockton DAT |
| Cllr Ann McCoy | SBC |
| Tony Ebblewhite | HMP Holme House |
| Tina Williams | PANIC |
| Emma Champley | Stockton DAT |
| Dave King | Stockton DAT |
| Marilyn Davies | Chair, Adults Commissioning Group |
| Dave Brunskill | Cleveland Police |
| Stuart Honor | Baseline Research Ltd (for Agenda Item 3) |
| William Morrison | Service User (for Agenda Item 3) |
| John Paul Thomas | Service User (for Agenda Item 3) |

1. Apologies for absence

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| Julie Nixon | SBC Housing |
| Cllr Steve Nelson | SBC Community Safety |
| Lucia Saiger | Teesside Probation Service |
| Elizabeth Shassere | North Tees PCT |
| Matt Spencer | HMP Holme House |
| Lynne Massam | Children & Young Peoples Strategy |

3. Results of Hidden Population Research

- 3.1 Stuart Honor of Baseline Research Ltd presented the results of the Hidden Population Research carried out at the end of 2008. Stuart answered questions following the presentation.
- 3.2 It was identified that alcohol was a big problem in Stockton and considerably higher than other areas where the research had been carried out. Tina felt that drug users needed to be put onto reduction programmes and not maintenance, however this is individual choice but the family should be involved with the decision. John Paul felt that the Drug User has to make the choice and not the family.
- 3.3 Stuart explained recovery integrated systems and there is one in Warrington run by Trust the process and the other Recovery Clinic is in Blackburn which is run by Tom Kirkwood and there are people getting well in these place. Stuart explained that everyone is welcome to go and have a look around these projects. In Blackburn, someone bought all the houses in a cul-de-sac which are rented to drug users to make a small community of recovering clients.

- 3.4 Stuart was thanked by the group for his work which was found to be very informative.
Actions: Emma to arrange a visit to the programmes for members of the Steering Group and Commissioning Group that wish to attend the North West recovery models. Kerry to circulate the Hidden EC/ KA Population Report to the DAT SG.

2. Minutes of previous meeting /matters arising

- 2.1 Jane explained that the last minutes are from the Stockton Safer Partnership/DAT Integration Group held on 4th November. All agreed that the minutes were a true record of the meeting.

4. 2009/10 Needs Assessment

- 4.1 The 09/10 Needs Assessment produced by Gemma McDonald had been previously circulated to the group. Gemma had been able to incorporate the information received from the stakeholder, carer and service user consultation events and most of the information from Stuart's report. Emma thanked Gemma for the conscientious work she had undertaken to produce the document and asked for any comments/amendments.
- 4.2 In relation to amendments, Tina advised she had made some comments which Gemma had amended. Jane felt the figures around teenage pregnancy on page 39 may not be correct and asked for Gemma to check this information. Marilyn suggested that on Page 41, the bullets could be changed to letters so it is easier to identify a certain section and around 'trigger offences', could more work be done to find out what we are missing.
- 4.3 The 09/10 Needs Assessment was agreed by the Group, bearing in mind the comments made above.
Action: Gemma McDonald to amend the Needs Assessment to reflect the Group's comments.

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5. 2009/10 Treatment Plan

- 5.1 Kerry explained that the Needs Assessment has informed the Treatment Plan. Kerry explained that parts 1, 2 and 4 have been submitted to the NTA and should receive feedback in early March. Part 3 is due to be submitted on 20th March and therefore asked the group for any feedback. Part 3 is the action plan which is the working document behind the whole process.

- 5.2 Kerry explained the priorities are:
- 1) Enable individuals already in the Treatment System to move on and integrate into society.
 - 2) Make treatment more accessible to problematic drug users that are not currently in treatment.
 - 3) Work with partners to reduce the numbers of individuals becoming tomorrow's problematic drug users.
 - 4) Put measures in place to minimise the harm to others.
 - 5) Ensure all problematic drug users have access to suitable houses, and to training and employment.
 - 6) Evaluate and put steps in place to address the issue of alcohol use amongst drug users.
 - 7) Work with partners and put in place solutions to help address criminal behaviour related to drug use.

- 5.3 The cross cutting themes that the DAT will be looking at are:

- Diversity
- Criminal Justice
- Workforce
- Harm Reduction
- Carers and Family Members
- Service Users
- Housing
- Skills and Employment

Kerry explained that this would be submitted on 20th March however it must meet with the local priorities and asked if any comments could be emailed to him by 10th March.

6. Quarter 3 Performance

- 6.1 Emma confirmed that Stockton is doing well in most areas however Mental Health and Housing are currently Amber as there are still some issues outstanding. For section 7, in relation to DRR's, probation is currently working on this target.
- 6.2 Emma explained that in the performance report section 'All Adults recorded as being in effective treatment' the only options are either Red or Green, not amber. Stockton is currently Red, as we are 0.5% less than expected for the quarter but are still 2.9% above the National Average. Emma explained that having reviewed the Glasgow prevalence figures Stockton appears to have a good treatment penetration level, therefore it is likely that the targets set may be too high for Stockton's population.
- 6.3 Mike asked why people exit treatment if they are not drug free. Emma to provide further information on NTA reporting relating to drug free.

- 6.4 Emma explained that Stockton is the best in the North East for Harm Reduction, therefore the NTA want to know what we are doing.

7. Service Re-Commissioning Update

- 7.1 Kerry explained that the DAT are currently in the process of re-commissioning the five services and the Family & Carers Service. The first service up for renewal was Family and Carers, this contract was awarded to Bridges subject to references and this will commence on 1st April. The contracts for Stimulant, Structured Day Care and Chaotic are due to commence on 1st June and these are currently at the ITT stage, these are due to be returned on Friday (27th February). The panel for this will be held on 5/6th March, there were four companies for each service however 1 company has now dropped out.
- 7.2 Kerry explained that the short listing for CJIT took place yesterday (23rd February) where 4 out of the 6 applications have gone through to the next stage. The contract is due to be awarded on 1st August. Kerry confirmed that Harm Minimisation are at the PQQ stage.

8. DAT v DAAT Discussion

- 8.1 Emma presented a paper to the Group proposing that the Drug Action Team becomes a Drug and Alcohol Action Team. Emma felt this would be a positive move with the caveat that the majority of DAT staff are funded from the Pooled Treatment Budget so would only be able to allocate a small proportion of their working day to alcohol. The main concern is the lack of recurrent funding for alcohol treatment services.
- 8.2 Cllr McCoy felt that short term funding would not be adequate and Jane agreed it would need to be clearly funded for at least a year to develop the services.
- 8.3 Following discussion Jane confirmed that in principle everyone agreed the Drug and Alcohol Action Team proposal, however recurrent funding would need to be in place for it to work.

9. Merger with Safer Stockton Partnership

- 9.1 Mike tabled the proposed constitution of the Safer Stockton Partnership and asked for comments. The constitution will take effect from 1st April with the first meeting of the merged DAAT/SSP meeting taking place on 12 May. Mike explained the membership of the Safer Stockton Partnership and that the numbers would be reduced from each organisation, where necessary. At the 1st Meeting on 12th May 2009, they will do introductions. Marilyn suggested that perhaps they could provide a lunch and possibly do a press release in relation to the merger.
- 9.2 The constitution was agreed by the Group.

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 Emma explained that the DAT would be having a visit from the Home Office week commencing 16th March regarding NI38 which relates to the number of re-offending Drug users. Stockton does not appear to be performing as well as it could in relation to NI38, which is similar to the rest of the North East. Emma explained that Mike, Probation and the DAT have started looking at offender management.

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

9.30 am on Tuesday 12 May 2009 at The Education Centre