

Matters Arising – Issues from Discussion on Alcohol Related Offending

At the last meeting of the Partnership on 5 November, three recommendations from the report on alcohol related offending were deferred for further consideration outside the meeting, and this note now provides updates on each of them.

1. 'To determine whether or not a more detailed examination of individual offending and a cost benefit analysis of an alcohol intervention is required to identify potential savings.'

Jeff Evans and Steven Hume are currently looking into possible options to carry out this work. At this stage it is not clear whether the benefit of carrying out this piece of work outweighs the level of resource that would be required. A further update will be provided to members in due course.

2. "To determine who will accept responsibility for the collation and dissemination of intelligence to identify the most appropriate alcohol intervention."

This issue has been added to the agenda for the meeting of the Reducing Reoffending and Harm Group on 20 December, where it will sit alongside discussion of the 'options' paper on the future of the Arrest Referral Service.

3. "To develop in conjunction with DV providers/probation and alcohol treatment services a bespoke ATR programme which addresses DV specifically."

This issue was discussed at the Domestic Abuse Strategy Group on 11 November and the principle of trying to establish a bespoke programme was supported. Emma Champley will be leading discussions with Harbour and Lifeline on this issue.