

EAST AYRSHIRE COMMUNITY HEALTH PARTNERSHIP

COMMITTEE- 1/2/10

ALCOHOL PROPOSALS

Report by Chair of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership

1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To update the CHP committee on proposals for spend of additional alcohol resources which were considered by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership in December 2009.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Additional resources for alcohol misuse were announced by the Scottish Government in 2008. For 2008/09, the Ayrshire and Arran Health Board area was allocated £1,775,000. This 2008/09 allocation represents an increase on the 2007/08 alcohol allocation of approximately £1M.
- 2.2 Following Scottish Government uplift in alcohol funding, NHS Ayrshire and Arran was allocated £2,491,234 of public health funds for 2009/10 to allocate to services to address alcohol misuse. Following this uplift, each local community planning partnership was further allocated an additional £70,000 per annum for years 2009-10 and 2010-11. Following discussions with partners/stakeholders, five proposals were developed.
- 2.3 Following the previous Alcohol and Drug Partnership Meeting meeting on the 29th September, the ADP expert group was asked to review the proposals and advise on suitability based on criteria and need.

3. PROPOSALS

- 3.1 The five submitted proposals and indicative costs are detailed below:

Proposal	2009/10 £	2010/11 £
Diversion and alcohol use in young people	20,000	0
Occupational Therapy	15,000	30,000
New Directions	70,000	70,000
Offenders and alcohol	21,700	22,700
ARBD support	22,530	22,530
Total	149, 230	145,230

4. EXPERT GROUP CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The expert group considered the initial direction from NHS Ayrshire and Arran that the predominant use of resources should be to enhance current service provision.
- 4.2 The expert group further considered sustainability issues and exit opportunities once funding cycles were concluded.
- 4.3 The expert group also considered the perceived gap in current service provision.
- 4.4 Based upon these considerations, the expert group make the following suggestions:
- The Diversion and alcohol use in young people be deferred with the potential to fund next year from slippage
 - Support OT post but link more closely with social work community care service on alcohol and older people
 - Not to support New Directions as several new initiatives have or are about to commence supporting children and young people
 - Upgrade the offenders and alcohol post to full time to allow additional capacity alongside criminal justice service users
 - Support principle of support to ARBD service users but at a much more localised community based level than proposed
- 4.5 Following these considerations, the indicative costs have been revised:

Proposal	2009/10	2010/11
Occupational Therapy	£15,000	£30,000
Offenders and alcohol	£30,000	£30,000
ARBD support	£10,000	£10,000
Totals	£55,000	£70,000

- 4.6 Members are further reminded that a portion of this resource is required to support the pan Ayrshire children's service which is currently being developed.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that Committee:
- i) support the proposals detailed at 4.5 of this report:
 - ii) remit the Alcohol and Drug Partnership to develop service provision and;
 - iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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