



EAST AYRSHIRE ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP

BOARD MEETING: 30 SEPTEMBER 2009

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To update the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) Board on arrangements for the future planning of activity in respect of alcohol and drugs in East Ayrshire via the East Ayrshire Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (ADP).

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 ADPs have been established in Scotland by the Scottish Government to ensure better strategic planning arrangements in relation to alcohol and drugs.
- 2.2 The Government's national delivery reform agenda found that the previous planning structures, where alcohol and drug planning was remitted to health board area Alcohol and Drug Action Teams (ADATs), did not in many cases fully address the changing national and local agenda; and that partnerships required to better reflect accountability arrangements such as those evidenced via the Single Outcome Agreement (SOA).
- 2.3 In ensuring that delivery and planning of alcohol and drug services better reflect current accountability arrangements, such partnerships require to be firmly embedded within Community Planning structures.

3. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP STRUCTURE

- 3.1 At the Community Planning Partnership Board Meeting of 30 April 2009, it was agreed that the ADP reporting arrangements would align with Community Planning through the new Community Health Partnership (CHP) structure. The East Ayrshire ADP, therefore, is now integrated into this structure as a group which cross cuts the two officer locality groups in respect of children and young people, and adults and older people.
- 3.2 To ensure robust reporting arrangements, the ADP is chaired by the chair of the Officer Locality Group (OLG) Adults and Older People and has among its membership, representation from the OLG Children and Young People.
- 3.3 Members may wish to note that these structures and reporting mechanisms have been developed as a result of discussions at the Officer Locality Groups; Community Planning Joint Officers' Group and the CHP Committee.

4. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS PARTNERSHIP PROGRESS

- 4.1 The East Ayrshire ADP held a successful stakeholder event on 14 August 2009, which was attended by over fifty participants, including representation from key partners,

stakeholders, carers and service users. Feedback has suggested that the event becomes an annual occurrence.

- 4.2 The stakeholder event, while officially launching the ADP, also showcased previous and current good practice and activity conducted in the East Ayrshire locality.
- 4.3 The event approved the establishment of an ADP network which will comprise all key partners, stakeholders, carers and service users. The network will have full access to ADP papers and minutes and will be supported by a small officers' group. It is anticipated that it will meet 2/3 times per year with regular updates being provided out with meetings. Access to this network is therefore open to any organisation or individual with an interest in the work of the ADP.
- 4.4 As well as the establishment of the network, the stakeholder event also approved the establishment of an ADP committee. The committee, comprising senior strategic managers from key agencies and partnerships, will arrange meetings to coincide with meetings of the OLGs to further ensure robust reporting arrangements. The ADP committee will also be serviced by the small officers' group drawn from the local authority and NHS Ayrshire and Arran.
- 4.5 The ADP is required by the Scottish Government to produce an Alcohol and Drugs Strategy, which will be developed through the ADP and CHP structures. The finalised Strategy will be presented to the CPP Board at a future meeting for consideration and endorsement.
- 4.6 In addition, it is proposed that a report on progress in respect of the ADP will be presented to the CPP Board at the end of March 2010.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 It is recommended that the Board:
 - i) considers the progress to date in the establishment of the ADP ;
 - ii) confirms the establishment of the ADP network and committee structure;
 - iii) agrees to receive the final Alcohol and Drug Strategy at a future meeting for consideration and endorsement;
 - iv) agrees to receive an update on progress in respect of the ADP in March 2010; and
 - v) otherwise, notes the content of the report.

Eddie Fraser
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