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Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership (HADP)

1. Overview

HADP has recently reviewed its governance structure and is keen to be accountable to the Community Planning Partnership (CPP) in order to maximise partnership working to prevent and reduce alcohol and drug related harm. HADP has revised the joint strategy for Highland and is seeking sign off from the CPP.

2. Purpose

The current [Partnership Delivery Framework to Reduce the Use of and Harm from Alcohol and Drugs](#) replaces three previously agreed memoranda of understanding (MoU) between the Scottish Government and COSLA. It states that Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) will continue to lead the development and delivery of a local comprehensive and evidence based strategy. The purpose of HADP is therefore to achieve improved outcomes for individuals, families and communities by preventing and reducing drug and alcohol related harm. As a multi-agency partnership, HADP is responsible for setting the overarching alcohol and drugs strategy [Rights, Respect and Recovery in Highland \(2020 - 2023\)](#). The current membership includes Highland Council, NHS Highland, Police Scotland, Third Sector, Crown Office, Scottish Prison Service, Scottish Fire and Rescue Service and local drug and alcohol forums.

3. Role

It is the role of HADP to:

- *Implement an alcohol and drugs strategy informed by local needs assessment*
- *Reduce inequality and harm via activity ranging from prevention through to recovery*
- *Deliver quality services that support recovery and involve people with lived experience*
- *Provide a commissioning framework and direct funding towards agreed priorities*
- *Regularly report on performance and measure progress against a set of indicators*
- *Respond to changing national and local priorities*

4. Governance and Accountability

HADP is accountable nationally to the Scottish Government. The partnership delivery framework states that local accountability should be via the Integrated Joint Board/Health and Social Care Partnership or the CPP where reducing the use of and harms from alcohol and drugs feature in CPP priorities. Delivery of the HADP strategy is currently monitored through an annual reporting process. This involves partner agencies submitting quarterly progress reports on relevant actions and outcomes in the strategy. These are then collated into an annual report that is submitted to Scottish Government, CPP and other relevant bodies, who in turn are invited to provide feedback highlighting good practice as well as areas for improvement. The HADP annual report is also submitted to the NHS Board for scrutiny. HADP can contribute to reporting on drug and alcohol related elements of the Highland Outcome Improvement Plan (HOIP) and feeds in to the NHS Local Delivery Plan standards for Alcohol Brief Interventions (ABIs) and Drug and Alcohol Treatment Waiting Times.

5. Delivery in Partnership

Delivering the best health outcomes possible for people can only be done effectively in partnership. The success of the HADP strategy depends on the ability and willingness of partners to take an asset-based approach to working together to plan, invest and deliver in partnership. Partners individually

can only achieve so much, it is only through active collaboration and the sharing of skills, knowledge and resources that the harm from alcohol and drug use can be reduced or prevented.

6. Local Community Partnerships

HADP has produced [local alcohol and drug profiles](#) for all nine community partnerships and used these to lobby for the prevention and reduction of drug and alcohol related harm to be included in local children and adult plans, where identified locally as a priority issue. HADP has also established a local community fund, where community partnerships can apply for up to £2500 per year to fund initiatives that help deliver the strategy in response to local needs. HADP works in close partnership with Health Improvement colleagues and is able to link in to local partnerships via this route.

7. Future partnership working

HADP is keen to gain sign off from the CPP on the joint strategy and feed in to existing procedures for reporting progress on preventing and reducing drug and alcohol related harm in Highland.

8. Drug and Alcohol Monies

HADP reports annually to Scottish Government on a historical allocation. In addition in 2018, £784,000 was allocated to support innovative and creative approaches. Partners agreed an investment plan that includes allocations for; an education and prevention programme, Housing First pilot project, DTTO2 pilot project, Whole Family pilot project, Recovery Workers Training Project, Recovery Support Workers, CAMHS Psychologist, Specialist Midwife, Police Officer (Harm Reduction/Public Health), Nyxoid/naloxone distribution. HADP also administers a Local Improvement Fund where local agencies can apply for up to £10,000 to develop local responses. Numerous local projects have been funded through this route. For example; Thurso Recovery Café, Pultneytown Peoples Project, Branching Out, Youth Action Service, Safe, Strong and Free, Youth Highland, Scottish Families Affected by Alcohol and Drugs (SFAD), Gateway, Merkinch Partnership, Apex, CAB, Advocacy Highland, SMART Recovery, Vox Liminis and Lochaber Hope. A Community Fund was also established where local partnerships and forums could apply for up to £2500. HADP received a further £74,000 in Sept 2020 which has funded a pilot of the Harm Reduction Response Service, the OD Prevention App and a secondment to strengthen the immediate response pathway for NFOD. In February, HADP was allocated £68,000 additional monies for the current financial year. The monies have been utilised to increase residential rehab places, to extend the pilot period for the Harm Reduction Response Service and provide additional resource to the Youth Action Service to deliver intensive residential support to vulnerable young people. HADP is currently awaiting the allocation letter for 2021/22.

The Board are asked to:

- Consider the update on the role, purpose and work of the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership
- Agree that a report on the HADP Joint Strategy be considered at the June meeting of the CPP Board

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