

<b>Minute of the Highland Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy Group</b>	
DATE:	18.05.2021
LOCATION:	Microsoft Teams
CHAIR:	Elisabeth Smart

*Present:*

Elisabeth Smart	Public Health Consultant (Acting-Chair)
Cathy Steer	NHS Highland (Health Improvement)
James Maybee	Highland Council (Criminal Justice Service)
Bev Horton	NHS Highland (Head of Drug and Alcohol Recovery Service and Prison Healthcare)
Sharon Holloway	HADP (Development Manager)
Iver Forsyth	Highland Council (Housing)
Frances Matthewson	HADP (Research and Intelligence Specialist)
Val Bell	Crossreach
Frances Gordon	NHS Highland (Finance)
Iain MacKenzie	HTSI
James Dunbar	New Start Highland ( Housing First - Chair)
Leighann Scorgie	NHS Highland (Liver Service)
Debbie Stewart	HADP (Coordinator)
Ian Kyle	Highland Council (Integrated Children's Services)
Mark Holloway	HMP Inverness (Governor)
Jill Graham	Scottish Fire and Rescue Service

*In attendance: Aileen Trappitt (Minutes), Denise Stampfer, Kirsty MacDonald  
Apologies; Brian McKirdy, Karl Rosie, Wendy Allman, Lewis Hannah, Andrea Broad*

Item	Discussion	Action
<b>1</b>	<b>WELCOMES / APOLOGIES</b> The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting and round table Introductions were made.	
<b>2</b>	<b>MINUTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETING</b>	
<b>2.1.</b>	The minutes were approved as a true and accurate account of the meeting held on the 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2021. The group was also reminded that the minutes are posted on a public website.  The chair asked the members if they would agree to these meetings being recorded to help keep an accurate record of the meeting. This was agreed and the same request will be made at each future meeting.	
<b>2.2</b>	<u>Actions from 23.02.2021</u>  2.2 The VAW chair has been advertised and they are going to interview. It will be interesting to learn from their experience. We	

	<p>will advertise for a Chair once the VAW process is complete.</p> <p>3.2 The money has been paid to the Youth Action Team to develop the residential rehab project for young people. We are in discussions with them regarding the monitoring and evaluation of the project.</p> <p>3.3 It is not possible at this time for another agency to manage the funding on our behalf. There are ongoing discussions.</p> <p>3.5 Carried Forward</p> <p>3.6 Completed</p> <p>4.1 Completed</p>	
<p><b>3</b></p> <p>3.1</p> <p>3.2</p>	<p><b>Strategy Development</b></p> <p>Governance Structure/Strategy/Reporting</p> <p>The ADP now reports to the Community Planning Partnership Board. We need them to sign off on the strategy. We have been invited to deliver a workshop to the CPP board on the 31<sup>st</sup> of May. If anyone has anything they would like mentioned in the workshop. Please contact Debbie Stewart</p> <p><i>Action: Please contact Debbie Stewart with any content for the CPP Board workshop</i></p> <p>Scottish Government Priorities</p> <p>The National Drugs Policy Division has increased its staff numbers with the priority to deliver on the national mission to reduce Drug related deaths. The National Priorities include:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Fast and appropriate access to treatment</li> <li>2) Residential rehabilitation</li> <li>3) Joined-up approach to supports people to ensure better support after NFOD</li> <li>4) Vital engagement role of front-line, often third sector, organisations</li> <li>5) Overcome barriers to overdose prevention</li> </ol> <p>The strategic priorities that underpin local strategy and the delivery of Rights, Respect and Recovery and the Alcohol Framework are to continue being prioritised.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) A recovery orientated approach which reduces harms and prevents deaths</li> <li>2) A whole family approach</li> <li>3) A public health approach to justice</li> <li>4) Prevention, education and early intervention</li> </ol>	<p><b>ALL</b></p>

	<p>5) A reduction in the affordability, availability and attractiveness of alcohol.</p> <p>All ADP areas can expect an uplift. There will also be a review of waiting times.</p>	
3.3	<p>ADP Funding Letter</p> <p>The funding letters have been delayed due to the Scottish Government elections.</p> <p>We do not know how much funding we are going to receive, however it has been guaranteed for the next five years. Debbie had asked partners to think about how they would like to utilise the funding. We are looking at the process just now so we can progress this quickly once the funding is confirmed.</p>	
3.4	<p>Finance Group</p> <p>A finance subgroup formed to look at the additional funding and commissioning work of the ADP. They have had one meeting so far, which was quite informative and they have committed to meet regularly going forward.</p>	
3.5	<p>DAISy Go Live</p> <p>DAISy has been live since the 1<sup>st</sup> of April. Workers across Highland have participated in training and are inputting new clients. Feedback from staff has been generally positive. Reports are being developed by Public Health Scotland with extracts being done on a fortnightly basis. Some services are saying it is the 'most comprehensive reports they have received for their service'</p> <p>There may be a possibility of a slight delay to waiting times while DAISy is embedded.</p>	
3.6	<p>Public Health Surveillance - Dashboard</p> <p>Information was presented at the last meeting, since then some information has been updated, reflecting a number indicators. Some are aspirational and will need further development. We also looked at the development of Recovery Orientated Systems of Care, NFOD monitoring and expanding on the waiting times.</p> <p>We also looked at indicators for children, young people and families, including the number of children on the child protection register, the Icelandic project and the HSAT website.</p>	

**4.0 Partners Activity Reports – August 2020**

4.1 Recovery Worker Training Project (RWTP)

Trainees have completed the training element and are now in their second placement.

The recruitment process has started for round 2. There will be more places available and interviewing will start next week. We have had discussions with partners to look at extending placement opportunities. Thank you to all partners for supporting this project. If anyone is aware of any opportunities please let Sharon know.

Whole Family Project

Unfortunately we have not been successful in recruiting to the post. The post will be re-advertised.

Housing First Project

People accessing the service are making really good progress so far with moves into mainstream housing. We are looking to scale up the model and discussions are underway with colleagues in more remote communities to address hidden homelessness and how the project can be adapted to work in a rural location.

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Interviews are being held for the social work post, hopefully we will be able to make an appointment.

Drug and Alcohol Recovery Services

DAISy is now live across Highland. They have been working on an electronic notes system, there have been two pilot sites. We are now looking to roll out across the service.

We are also in the early stages of rolling out wider medication assisted treatment options, so far feedback is very positive. We have been working in effective partnership with Housing First and developing accessibility for women. There is increased support for psychological interventions with a focus on workforce development and baseline training for all staff. HADASS are working to provide more access to Naloxone across Highland and training is ongoing in Pharmacies

Health Improvement

The Highland Overdose Prevention and Engagement (HOPE) App has been launched. All partners are asked to promote where ever possible. We are pleased to announce that Smithton Primary School won the Highland Substance Aware School award. There was a lower number of applications this year, perhaps due to COVID. There is now an Education and Prevention officer appointed by the Council via HADP funding, they will help promote the H-SAT and other resources in schools and youth work settings.

There is a new festival this year – Capers in Cannich. It's a glamping festival with various events taking place from the end of May to September. Stay safe messaging and support has been organised.

Future Report Structuring.

We are still looking for suggestions to improve the reporting structure. It is important that partners return reports promptly as these are used to help inform the annual report.

#### 4.2 Family Voices

HADP heard from a family representative that has provided input to the DDTF. Families Anonymous provide support to families affected by drug and alcohol issues. There is highland representation on the Families Campaign for Change.

*Action: DARS to meet with FA to discuss service improvement and development.*

#### 4.3 Local Improvement Fund

CAB / Apex – the outreach service was delivered digitally due to COVID. The project is now completed.

Safe, Strong and Free – Puppet workshops, books and resources. This project is ongoing. It was originally delivered to 5 nurseries, we have provided more funding and this will now be extended to 35 schools.

Scottish Families – the training has been really positive and we have received an initial project report. We have provided further funding for small projects including a Highland family fund.

Youth Highland – Youth worker training developed online. We have given additional funding to employ a peer support worker

New Start – Have now recruited a specialist support worker.

Home Start East Highland – The project was delayed due to COVID, it has now started and are looking to provide some of the

	<p>activities over the summer as restrictions lift.</p> <p>Advocacy Highland – The project format has been reviewed. More will be delivered digitally to accommodate COVID. The new format was agreed by the strategy group.</p> <p>Four projects have been extended into next year.</p> <p><b>4.4</b> Icelandic Prevention Model, Grant Small, Winning Scotland.</p> <p>The group welcomed Grant Small from Winning Scotland. Grant gave a presentation on Winning Scotland and how they will work in partnership with HADP to roll out the Icelandic Model.</p> <p>There have been delays due to COVID, however phase 1 is fully funded. The data collection survey will be circulated round 5 Schools from Highland and Argyll and Bute in September. All questions relate to risk and protective factors. We should have the data back by November and a report to act upon by December.</p> <p>The Winning Foundation will be looking for funding for Stage 4.</p> <p>There will be a training session with the Planet Youth in June.</p> <p>A small operational group has been established to take phase 1. We will be looking for a strategic group to oversee the pilot.</p> <p><b>5.0 Drug Related Deaths</b></p> <p><b>5.1</b> Drug Related Death Review Group</p> <p>There have been two review group meetings since the last strategy group meeting. All deaths were reviewed with actions to improve practice identified and taken forward. Membership of the group is under review and the group is looking for a new chair.</p> <p><b>5.2</b> DRD Prevention Group</p> <p>The new HOPE App has been launched as mentioned earlier. The App is based on the Highland Prevent Suicide App. So far there have been just under 200 downloads of the App. There has been both local and national radio coverage. Please promote the App throughout your organisations and networks. It will be linked to the HADP website Service section. Already it appears to have resulted in increased contacts with services.</p>	
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<p><b>10</b></p>	<p><b>Date of Next Meeting</b></p> <p>The next meeting will be on the <b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 2pm</b>. Venue to be confirmed but given it is expected to be a Teams meeting</p>	