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## ARGYLL AND BUTE COMMUNITY PLANNING PARTNERSHIP



**Management Committee**  
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### Argyll and Bute ADP Update Report

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#### 1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The Argyll and Bute Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) is a partnership of statutory and voluntary organisations working together to achieve a reduction in the harmful effects of alcohol and drugs on both individuals and the wider community.
- 1.2 Significant work has been undertaken recently by the Argyll and Bute ADP to ensure that it is in the best possible position to support the delivery of high quality services to those impacted by drug and alcohol addictions. This report updates the CPP MC on the recent changes at this time to offer assurance that the priorities in relation to addiction services as laid out within the SOA and associated delivery plans are on track and that a process is in place to support these priorities on an ongoing basis.

#### 2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 That the CPP management committee notes the good progress made towards the delivery of the Argyll and Bute ADP Strategy 2013-2016 and the changes made to both the governance and service delivery arrangements which support this.

#### 3.0 DETAIL

- 3.1 Alcohol and Drug Partnerships (ADPs) were formed as a result of the decision of the Delivery Reform Group set up by the Scottish Government in 2008, who identified the need for reform of the delivery of drug and alcohol services. ADPs were formed under a framework which set them as strategic partnerships which help locally deliver the outcomes of Community Planning Partnership (CPPs) which relate to alcohol and drugs.
- 3.2 In 2012 the Argyll and Bute ADP agreed an overarching process commencing with the commissioning of an area needs analysis for alcohol and drug services and featuring the sequential steps of agreeing a service strategy related to a local outcomes framework; developing a service delivery plan; creating a

Commissioning Plan with associated service specifications for both statutory and non-statutory services and establishing new commissioned contracts for the delivery of those services. The ADP is ready to embark on a procurement process through a tendering programme; which will lead to the establishing of the new contracts and contract management arrangements; and establishing a performance management and reporting framework.

- 3.3 The Argyll and Bute ADP Strategy was finalised at the beginning of 2013. The development of the 2013-2016 strategy sought to develop open, transparent and best working practices through a series of key actions under the following four ADP priorities:
  1. Health in Argyll and Bute is maximised and communities feel engaged and empowered to make healthier choices regarding alcohol and drugs
  2. Effective integrated care pathways are established, offering a flexible range of services from assessment to recovery is in place in Argyll and Bute
  3. Individuals, families and communities in Argyll and Bute are protected against substance misuse harm
  4. Children affected by parental and personal substance misuse are protected and build resilience through the joint working of adult and children's services in Argyll and Bute
- 3.4 These key actions were expanded upon in the ADP delivery plan which was approved in January 2014. The aim of the delivery plan being to programme the actions identified to achieve the strategy and to identify the resource and timescales required to do so. The delivery plan has also helped to increase confidence across a range of stakeholders (including service users, their families, service providers, the CPP and the Scottish Government) that high quality services, are being delivered. In developing the delivery plan, the ADP consulted widely, hosting workshops across Argyll and Bute and consulting with service users.
- 3.5 Work is now underway to support the monitoring of the outcomes identified within the delivery plan and the associated performance measures, including HEAT targets. An ADP scorecard will now be built into the Pyramid performance management system.
- 3.6 In July 2013 the ADP began the process of preparing service specifications for both the non-statutory and statutory services and agreed a commissioning process. This involved partners from both statutory and 3<sup>rd</sup> sectors. Work is well underway with this and it is expected that the non-statutory services contracts will be awarded on 1 August 2014 with a contract start date of 1 November 2014. A new service specification for the statutory services, the Argyll and Bute Addictions Team, will be in place for 1 July 2014.

- 3.7 A communication and engagement plan has recently been agreed and by producing clear and meaningful communication material the ADP aims to:
- Through communications campaigns, increase the uptake of drug and alcohol services in Argyll and Bute
  - Raise the profile of substance misuse, the ADP and ADP Partners amongst professionals in wider settings, individuals, communities and organisations to ensure they are well informed and non-judgemental
  - Develop improved communications to build confidence and engagement in the work being done in Argyll and Bute to tackle substance misuse and, to educate the communities of Argyll and Bute about drugs and alcohol information to those affected by drug and alcohol issues and their friends and families.
- 3.8 Finally the governance of the ADP has recently been revised, strengthened and simplified. The Lead Officers Group has been renamed the Executive Group, currently chaired by Cleland Sneddon, Executive Director of Community Services. The Implementation Group has been renamed the Delivery Group, currently chaired by Agnes Harvey, service manager of Kaleidoscope, the Delivery Group reports to the Executive Group. A new Performance Management and Resourcing Group responsible for monitoring the implementation of the delivery plan, finance and workforce issues has been created as a subgroup of the Delivery Group. The seven local forums continue to exist as previous reporting into the delivery group these being Bute, Cowal, Helensburgh and Lomond, Islay, Kintyre, Mid Argyll and Oban. In addition standalone groups continue to exist as previous such as the Drug Related Deaths Review Group.
- 3.9 The ADP Coordinator has also indicated recently she will be leaving the partnership at the end of the summer to take up a study course in public health. NHS Highland will make appropriate arrangements for this post to be filled as lead agency for the partnership.
- 3.10 In conclusion, there has been a significant change in the structure and support for the ADP in recent months and there is a real commitment from all partners in both the statutory and non-statutory services to work together to achieve the strategic aims of the Alcohol and Drugs Partnership in Argyll and Bute.

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