
Borders Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report, 2013-14

Joint Report by Director of Public Health and Chief Social Work Officer

Scottish Borders Council

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1 PURPOSE AND SUMMARY

1.1 This report alerts Members to the Borders Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Annual Report for 2013-14.

1.2 Borders ADP is a partnership of agencies and services involved with drugs and alcohol. It provides strategic direction to reduce the impact of problematic alcohol and drug use. The ADP is required to produce an Annual report on its 2012-15 Delivery Plan. The report has been prepared according to Scottish Government Guidance and provides information relating to:

- i) A self assessment of ADP Processes and Structures and resulting actions for the ADP
- ii) Core Outcomes, Core Indicators and Local Indicators
- iii) Update on work to progress Ministerial Priorities for 2013-14 and address priorities for 2014-15

The Annual Report is attached as an Appendix to this report.

2 RECOMMENDATIONS

2.1 I recommend that Council notes the Borders Alcohol and Drug Partnership Annual Report 2013/14.

3 REPORT OVERVIEW

3.1 The main section of the Annual Report are outlined in this section and the page numbers noted refer to pages in the Annual Report which is attached as an Appendix.

3.2 ADP Self Assessment (p4): this is the second year that Scottish Government (SG) has required the assessment of ADP processes and structures relating to themes of analysis (e.g. of need), delivery (e.g. workforces) and review (e.g. evaluation of services). A RAG (red, amber, green) status was applied to each of the 16 elements: there were no red elements. Following advice to ADP's from SG we have re-evaluated the partnership's self-assessment and there are two elements which have moved from green to amber reflecting work in progress as follows:

- 3.3 Integrated Resource Framework – Outcomes: This has been changed from green to amber reflecting that at end of March 2014 new services were preparing for delivery and elements of these services would not be fully implemented at commencement on 1 May 2014.
- 3.4 Our strategic commissioning work is clearly linked to Community Planning priorities and processes – This has been changed from green to amber reflecting the ongoing implementation of new structures relating to Health and Social Care Integration. Three elements have moved from amber to green.
- 3.5 Outcomes: ADP’s are asked to report on outcomes for clients. All funded services can report progress in terms of alcohol and drugs use but also in wider aspects of their lives such as relationships and community involvement. For example, employability work via Addaction supported 8 clients to start college and 6 into employment. Over 40% of clients attending NHS Addictions service report improvements in physical and mental health.
- 3.6 The Action for Children Young Carers service reports 44.5% of young carers demonstrating improved emotional well being outcomes and, children and young people attending face2face for support around their own use of substances reported an average 82% reduction in alcohol use. Information on outcomes is included in Appendix 1 of the Report (p35).
- 3.7 Core Outcomes, Core Indicators and Local Indicators (p14): These reflect national and local priorities from the ADP’s 2012-15 Delivery Plan. Progress towards targets and benchmarking data is included. SG advised that benchmarking would be most appropriately done against similar ADP areas. Borders ADP compares favourably against the majority of national indicators and is not significantly different from the list of 7 other areas in a benchmarking ‘family’. Several national indicators have not been updated since the Annual Report 2012-13. Local indicators represent the breadth of positive contributions towards outcomes from partners.
- 3.8 ADP and Ministerial Priorities (p28) ADP’s are required to set priorities based on their Self Assessment. In addition they are required to attend to Ministerial Priorities. Significant progress was made on ADP Priorities during 2013-14. The ADP Investment Review of ring-fenced drug and alcohol funding that is managed by the ADP was completed and new services procured to deliver a Future Model. Work towards each of the Ministerial priorities was progressed.

4 IMPLICATIONS

4.1 Financial

Finance information is presented within the report. Costs are met within existing indicative budget.

4.2 Risk and Mitigations

A Risk Log is maintained for the ADP Executive.

4.3 Equalities

The ADP Strategy and Delivery Plan had Equalities Impact Assessments completed and it was anticipated that there are no adverse equality implications.

4.4 **Acting Sustainably.**

By undertaking an approach to reducing overall consumption in the whole population ('whole population approach') we will contribute to reducing alcohol and drug related harm both to individual and families and also reducing social problems in communities such as crime and disorder. Increased integration of services will maximise efficiencies.

4.5 **Carbon Management**

There are no significant effects on carbon emissions as a result of this report.

4.6 **Rural Proofing**

N/A

4.7 **Changes to Scheme of Administration or Scheme of Delegation**

There are no changes which are required to either the Scheme of Administration or the Scheme of Delegation as a result of the proposals in this report.

5 **CONSULTATION**

5.1 Consultees: Chief Financial Officer, the Monitoring Officer, the Chief Legal Officer, the Service Director Strategy and Policy, the Chief Officer Audit and Risk, the Chief Officer HR, and the Clerk to the Council.

5.2 The Annual Report and Delivery Plan were developed in partnership with ADP Members and Third Sector colleagues and was circulated to the CPP for comment prior to submission to Scottish Government.

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