

Scottish Borders Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board

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ALCOHOL AND DRUG PARTNERSHIP INVESTMENT PLAN – 2018-2021

Purpose of Report:	To seek approval for the Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) Investment Plan for 2018-21.
Recommendations:	The Health & Social Care Integration Joint Board (IJB) is asked to: a) Approve this plan.
Personnel:	There will be additional staff recruited to deliver the proposals in the Investment Plan.
Carers:	A Needs Assessment will be carried out to identify potential responses to adult family members impacted by another's alcohol or drug issue.
Equalities:	A Health Inequalities Impact Assessment will be completed.
Financial:	This Investment Plan has been developed in response to additional £358,000 funding received by ADP.
Legal:	n/a
Risk Implications:	Delay in approval will risk ongoing delay in staff recruitment.

Background

Scottish Government reduced national ADP funding by £15million (22.4%) for 2017-18. Locally this was a reduction in budget of £302,608 annually. In October 2017 the Programme for Government announced an additional £20million from 2018-19. On 23 August 2018 a funding letter confirmed a Borders allocation of £358,000. The funding letter outlined priority areas for investment associated with the funding (see Para 2 below). In September 2018 Scottish Government published a draft Alcohol and Drugs Treatment Strategy which has been informed by increasing rates of drug deaths; awareness of

specific needs of particular client groups including older drug users; need to build on progress since the previous alcohol and drugs strategies.

2 Investment Priorities

The August 2018 funding letter outlines areas Scottish Government consider priority for investment as follows:

- Increased involvement of those with lived experience of addiction and recovery in the evaluation, design and delivery of services;
- Reduce waiting times for treatment and support services. Particularly waits for opioid substitution therapy (OST) including where these are reported as secondary waits under the LDP Standard;
- Improved retention in treatment particularly those detoxed from alcohol and those accessing OST;
- Improved access to drug/alcohol treatment services amongst those accessing inpatient hospital services;
- Continued development of recovery communities.
- Whole family approaches to supporting those affected by problem drug/alcohol use
- Development of advocacy services;

A three year Investment Plan is required to be submitted to Scottish Government by 26 October 2018.

3 Consultation

During July-December 2016 an external consultant was commissioned to help identify areas for savings. This work included focus groups with alcohol and drug services staff, wider stakeholder and service users and carers.

From February – June 2018 used the findings from this work to help development of a briefing paper which was discussed within alcohol and drug services to give operational insight and feedback on to identified improvement areas.

Following the funding letter two extraordinary ADP meetings have been held to develop and shape final proposals which were discussed in the form of a presentation (Appendix 1) a meeting on 5 October chaired by the Chief Officer IJB, where proposals were further discussed. The Chief Executives of NHS Borders and Scottish Borders Council are in agreement with the Investment Plan.

4 ADP Investment Plan

The proposed Investment Plan addresses Scottish Government Investment Priorities, Ministerial Priorities and local needs. Costs for each proposal are included in Table 1 below.

The following table outlines the proposed allocations of the funding. Following agreement with the IJB, further more detailed proposals will be presented to the ADP for allocation and approval.

Proposal	Annual costs (est)
1. Assertive engagement service – reduces drugs deaths; respond to non-fatal overdoses; rapid access to prescribing; alcohol pathways	£210,000
2. Children impacted by parental substance use – prevention and early intervention; parenting assessment; build capacity	£58,000

3. Recovery/community engagement – develop existing recovery work outwith Galasheils; volunteering; support ADP planning and delivery	£35,000
4. Families needs assessment – identify needs of impacted adult family members; identify and address training needs in services	£25,000 (yr 1)
5. Advocacy – access to independent advocacy	£15,000
6. Alcohol brief interventions – prevention and early intervention	£15,000
7. Capital costs for relocation	To be confirmed (yr 2)
Total	£358,000

Table 1: Investment Plan proposal and associated annual costs.