

Minutes of the Cross Party Alcohol and Drug Misuse Group meeting held on 20th February 2013, at the Scottish Parliament.

1 Present

Dr Oliver Aldridge DTTO (Edinburgh, East & Midlothian)
Zoe Baillie Turning Point Scotland
Matthew Barclay Community Pharmacy Scotland
Joy Barlow STRADA
Jayne Baxter MSP
Mark Bitel Partners in Evaluation Scotland
Elaine Bradley Turning Point Scotland
Julie Breslin Turning Point Scotland
Iain Brochie Royal Pharmaceutical Society
Sharon Brown Phoenix Futures
Irene Bruce Scottish Government
Kathleen Bryson The Lighthouse Foundation
John Budd Edinburgh Access Practice
Ian Burdge Inspiral Perth
Patricia Burns SMS (Edinburgh)
Dave Carson NHS Lothian Health Promotion Service
Hannah Carver Edinburgh & West Lothian ADPs
Dr Lucy Cockayne CDPS (Edinburgh)
David Collie Grampian Family Support Forum
Hayley Croad Turning Point Scotland
Tommy Crombie SCDEA
Alex Cunningham Aberlour Family Support Service
Ian Davidson West Lothian NHS Addictions Service
Susan Dean Scottish Drugs Forum
Elinor Dickie NHS Health Scotland
Kezia Dugdale MSP
Christine Duncan Scottish Families Affected by Drugs
Willma Easton Residential Rehabilitation Referral Team
Elizabeth Ellis NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Peter Fairbrother NHS Lothian
Mark Feeney Community Pharmacy Scotland
Owen Fielding ScotNET
John Finnie MSP
Richard Foley MELDAP
Jacquie Forde The Wellbeing Alliance
Megan Harris Argyll & Bute ADP
Kenny Harrison Argyll & Bute Council#
Kirsty Heaton NEDAC
Dr Mary Hepburn NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Rhona Hunter Circle
Margo Irvine Aberlour Family Outreach, Edinburgh

Alison Johnston Residential Rehabilitation Referral Team
Naomi Johnston Princes Trust
Dr Michael Kehoe West Lothian NHS Addiction Service
Lorraine Laing Homeless Addiction Team
David Liddell Scottish Drugs Forum
Dr Charles Lind Speaker
Steven Linn Service User RRRT, Edinburgh
Toshie Litaka Service User RRRT, Edinburgh
Marion Logan, Phoenix Futures
Gordon Mackay Inspiral Perth
Michelle Mackinnon-Rae CREW
Graham Mackintosh Hepatitis Scotland
Karen Macrae Scottish Government
Stewart Marshall Lanarkshire ADP
Karen Martin Carers Trust
Dr Catriona Matheson University of Aberdeen
Andrew McAuley NHS Health Scotland
Ruth McDonald Aberlour Family Support Service
Tracey McFall STRADA
Carmen McShane Turning Point Scotland
Rebecca Middlemiss Royal College of Psychiatrists in Scotland
Colin Mowat Grampian Police Drugs Co-ordinator
Faye Murfet South Ayrshire ADP
Norma Nicholl RB Pharmaceuticals
Tessa Parkes Stirling University
Laura Pentland Homeless Addiction Team, Glasgow
Rachel Petrie Glenesk Centre
Angie Pratt Service User RRRT, Edinburgh
Matthew Riddell Central Scotland Police
Dr Kennedy Roberts Speaker
Eleanor Robertson Scottish Families Affected by Drugs
Hugh Robertson Addaction, Dumfries & Galloway
Susan Scott Inspiral Perth
Richard Simpson MSP
Dr Frances Skelton NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
Austin Smith Scottish Drugs Forum
Jenny Stuart Inspiral Perth
Ken Sutherland Martindale Pharma
Patricia Tracey Glasgow Drug Crisis Centre
Dr Richard Watson NHS Greater Glasgow & Clyde
David Williams Edinburgh ADP
Petra Wright The Hepatitis C Trust

The annual review of last years activity was approved and would be submitted. Kezia Dugdale and John Finnie were re-elected as co-conveners of the group.

3 Drugs Strategy Delivery Commission - Independent Expert Review of Opiate Replacement Therapies

Kezia Dugdale introduced Dr Kennedy Roberts and Dr Charles Lind who were leading on the Opiate Replacement therapy review. They gave an introduction to the review.

Background

- Independent expert group commissioned by Scottish Government - set up in October 2012
- Purpose - to gather evidence on opiate replacement therapies used to treat people with drug addictions
- Chief Medical Officer, Harry Burns leading the expert group, in collaboration with DSDC chaired by Dr Brian Kidd
- Drs Charles Lind & Kennedy Roberts lead reviewers
- Work overseen by Steering Group - members drawn from DSDC and NFRD
- Recommendations to the Scottish Government for consideration in Parliament end May 2013

Evidence Gathering – 5 Key Themes

- **Theme 1:** How treatment is delivered: Effectiveness and cost effectiveness
- **Theme 2:** Care plans/treatment pathways: Variation in practice and availability of community and residential rehabilitation
- **Theme 3:** Mechanisms of delivery
- **Theme 4:** Robustness of data collection on people in treatment and the outcomes achieved
- **Theme 5:** Funding flow

Kezia Dugdale asked for contributions from those present on the themes highlight

There was wide-ranging discussion with points raised on the following issues –

- The remuneration of GPs
- The role of commissioned community-based services in supporting recover
- The role of NHS within ADPs and ADP budgeting
- The relationship between community planning and ADPs
- The availability and quality of support to people on ORT
- Person-centred prescribing and negotiated dosage
- The importance of housing, employability and welfare

- Residential rehabilitation – the range of services, the evidence base and efficacy with some groups – women with children
- The role of pharmacy in supervision#
- The availability and quality of patient information on ORT
- The availability of good data on outcomes TOPS as a means to measure outcomes.

It was agreed that the Cross Party Group would submit a response to the review.

4 Date of next meeting

24th April 2013