

**MINUTES OF NDACT TEAM MEETING ON TUESDAY 8 JULY  
2008 AT 2 PM IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM, COUNTY HALL,  
BALLYMENA**

**Present**

Ms Julie Smyth, (PBNI) (Chair)  
Ms Madeline Heaney (NHSSB) (Vice Chair)  
Mr Michael Owen (SDACO, NHSSB)  
Mrs Emer McLean, (NHSSB)  
Mr Patsy Curry (NHSSB)  
Mr Philip Hewitt (NEELB)  
C.I. Barbara Gray (PSNI, Area Commander)  
Mr Eric Woods, (NIHE)  
Mr Eugene O'Goan (VCSN)  
Ms Rebecca Roberts (VCSN)  
Ms Debbie Keys (Northern Group of Councils)  
Mrs Elaine Orr (NHSSB) (Minutes)

**Apologies**

Mr Eoin Ryan (VCSN)  
Mrs Sharon Bingham (NHSCT)  
Mrs Siobhan Gallagher (NHSCT)  
Mrs Noelle Barton (NHSCT)

**1. Welcome**

Julie welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies were noted as above. For the benefit of new Team members introductions were given around the table.

**2. Minutes of last meeting**

Minutes of the last meeting were agreed.

**3. Matters arising (all contained in the DACO report or an agenda item)**

Covered in DACO report and / or agenda item.

#### **4. DACO report (for information)**

This was distributed prior to today's meeting for Team member's information.

Michael informed Team members that there is currently a 4-Board process being undertaken regarding the new tendering process due to commence in September. He also highlighted to Team members the importance of comments being received with regards to the Action Plan by **Wednesday 16 July** in order that the tender process can continue to be progressed.

**Action: Team members / organisation comments on the Action Plan to be received by Wednesday 16 July**

Michael also updated Team members on the current SGS process. To date 37 requests have been received for applications, which is the highest number to date and 16 people / organisations attended the supporting workshop on 26 June.

**Action: Team members to be kept informed of SGS progress**

#### **5. Action Plan (Draft 2) – for comment / discussion**

Team members received a copy prior to today's meeting of the Action Plan (Draft 2) following the last Team meeting. This draft contains initial comments and is grouped under the 4-pillars identified in the NSD.

Michael took Team members through each of the current 19 outcomes seeking further comment(s) where possible:-

##### **1. PREVENTION & EARLY INTERVENTION**

- Binge drinking

**Team Discussion & Action** - After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that comments should be received from Team member organisations as this is a ministerial priority through all strands of working.

- Targeted education and prevention programmes

**Team Discussion & Action** – Hidden Harm was identified as an emerging trend. After some discussion it was agreed to take the lead from recent research that had been carried out through Supporting People.

- Managing crisis

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be removed.

- Emerging alcohol and drug trends

**Team Discussion & Action** – Team members agreed with the linking of other multi-strategies to strengthen this outcome.

- Cross-sectoral training / awareness programme

**Team Discussion & Action** – Learning from previous tendering experience it was agreed that “practitioners” need greater definition in the new tendering process.

- Safer Entertainment Guidelines

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be removed.

## **2. TREATMENT & SUPPORT**

- Services for young people based on a 4 tier model

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be maintained.

- Tier-4 specialist In-patient services

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be maintained.

- Development of the Drug Outreach Service

**Team Discussion & Action** – Additional outcome regarding chronic / street drinkers could be linked here. VCSN asking for tighter definitions / structures if services are expanded.

- Community Support Services incorporating family support

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that Michael would investigate if it would be possible for family support to be provided separately. To remain tied in with both local and regional Hidden Harm Action Plan(s).

### **3. LAW & CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

- Alternative Criminal Justice options

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion on the recent presentation given by Hawkins, Rebecca agreed to forward for Elaine / Michael to circulate to Team members and VCSN. This research provides an evidence-base for more mixture of young people within groups.

- Referral protocols for young people involved in criminal justice system

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be removed.

### **4. HARM REDUCTION**

- BBV pre / post counselling and guidance

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that this should be removed.

- NSES assessment of need

**Team Discussion & Action** – As the NSES access is being extended and any training that arise can be addressed in the Training outcome it was agreed that this should be removed.

- Supported and direct access accommodation

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed to maintain via tender. Eric stated that no foreseeable pressures have been identified with the current project through Supporting People.

- Service User Development Worker

**Team Discussion & Action** – As no tenders had previously been received either locally or regionally for this outcome, it was felt that links could be investigated with current User Forums through CAS and Railway Street. Michael agreed to follow up with other Boards and see how they are planning to take this forward.

## **5. MONITORING, EVALUATION & RESEARCH**

- Communication and links with other strategies

**Team Discussion & Action** – After some discussion it was agreed that Teenage pregnancy to be included as it may not be seen as coming under sexual health. To be included at both local and regional levels.

- Small Grants Scheme

**Team Discussion & Action** – Team members agreed to maintain as money is ring-fenced within current budget.

### **NDACT development**

- Current Local Medium-term Outcome (by September 2009)

**Team Discussion & Action** – Team members agreed to maintain due to changing structures / working environment.

## **6. VCSN update**

Rebecca updated Team members that at the last meeting in June discussions were around the Action Plan and the gap analysis. Also on behalf of VCSN Rebecca has written to Rob Phipps to

seek further clarification on the remit of the Advisory Groups and the continuing use of the Regional Evaluation Tool.

**Action: Continuing agenda item.**

## **7. Information Sharing**

No updates.

## **8. Declaration of Interest**

Michael asked Team members to return this form by **Friday 1 August 2008** in order that the Registration of Interest is updated prior to the assessment of small grants.

**Action: All Team members to return Declaration of Interest by Friday 1 August 2008**

## **9. Presentation from funded projects**

Ursula and Melissa from Triangle gave a presentation (attached) to Team members on the work of the Floating Support Service.

Marjory from NHSCT Addiction Service gave a presentation (attached) to Team members on the work of Carrick 1 In-Patient Addiction Unit.

## **10. Any Other Business**

None.

**11. Date, time & venue of next meeting** – The next Team meeting will be on **Tuesday 9 September 2008 at 2 pm in Committee Room 2, County Hall, Ballymena.**