

**Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee  
Task & Finish Group 2013/14  
Review of Substance Misuse Treatment Services**

**Implementation Plan**

<b>No.</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Progress</b>	<b>Responsible Officer(s)</b>	<b>Status</b>
1.	That the Environmental & Public Protection Scrutiny Committee continues to monitor the work of the Area Planning Board through its annual Substance Misuse Commissioning report.	The Area Planning Board's Drug & Alcohol Misuse Strategy Annual Report is now included on the Committee's work programme on an annual basis.	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton / Matthew Hughes	Complete
2.	That the Area Planning Board (APB), in conjunction with providers, reviews the frequency of visits to schools to ensure the constant and adequate level of provision across all the County's schools.	<p>The All Wales School Liaison Programme, delivered by the Police, provides consistent input into schools on drug and alcohol education. Drugaid Young Persons Service, commissioned in 2013, now complements this provision and provides additional workshops based on identified need. Both programmes report into the APB Prevention Group, chaired by Public Health Wales. The APB Prevention Group's remit is to ensure a co-ordinated approach to prevention activities for young people and adults.</p> <p>This is now core business for the APB.</p>	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete

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3.	That the Area Planning Board, in conjunction with providers, ensures that the delivery of preventative work is consistent and in line with evidence and best practice.	Commissioned new three county Young Persons' Service, delivered by Drugaid Choices, to lead on ensuring equity of prevention activities across the three counties. This has been in place from October 2013.	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete
4.	That the Area Planning Board considers how to more robustly assess the impact of prevention work being undertaken in the County's schools.	Welsh Government issued a new Delivery Plan for substance misuse in September 2016. The plan includes population health outcome measures intended to be measured over time to demonstrate the more long term outcomes and impact of work to tackle drug and alcohol misuse. Similarly, the APB action plans now have population outcomes associated with them.	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete

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5.	That the Local Authority's Social Care Substance Misuse Team considers conducting a TIC review of its work.	<p>The local authority undertook a pilot between the Substance Misuse Team and the Integrated Family Support Team with one worker working across teams. This was evaluated in September 2015 and has resulted in closer working arrangements between the teams. Further proposals will be developed this year.</p> <p>The Local Authority has reviewed the structure within its Adult Service Division, including the Substance Misuse Service, to ensure the structure will meet the statutory duties of the Social Care and Wellbeing Act. This included consideration of a TIC approach.</p> <p>A management restructure has now taken place and policies and procedures have been reviewed to ensure compliance with the Social Services &amp; Well-being Act. As part of this review, it was determined that the substance misuse team are operating efficiently and changes were not required.</p> <p>The substance misuse team has seen a significant increase in referrals in 2015-16 following a change to the third sector service provider.</p>	Kelvin Barlow	Complete

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6.	That a consistent approach on promoting how to access services is maintained across the county.	A re-commissioning exercise was undertaken for all third sector drug and alcohol services during 2014. The contract was awarded to a Drugaid led consortium in February 2015 and the DDAS service commenced in April 2015. The service provides a single point of contact across the three counties of Ceredigion, Carmarthenshire and Pembrokeshire. The service also has one single telephone number. For the first time, there is now one single integrated service for both generic and criminal justice provision. Promotion of the service amongst key stakeholders is on-going.	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete

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7.	<p>That the County Council's Executive Board Members, with responsibility for substance misuse and health and social care, visit treatment service providers and report back to the Environmental &amp; Public Protection Scrutiny Committee on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Members are aware that Councillors Palmer and Tremlett visited Tier 2 services – Turning Point and PRISM – in the summer of 2014 and the Drugaid Choices Service for young people and Tier 3 Community Drug and Alcohol Team in May 2015. Both members have attended a number of contract monitoring meetings with Chooselife.</p> <p>A visit took place on 29<sup>th</sup> July 2016 to the drug and alcohol service, DDAS which replaced the services offered by Turning Point and PRISM. The visit considered the generic and criminal justice services provided across the county and Hywel Dda area. This was attended by Cllrs Pam Palmer and Jane Tremlett and Dafydd Llywelyn, the PCC. The recovery bus was visited and a range of areas discussed including treatment and recovery services provided, links with arrest referral and testing on arrest, extending opening hours and achievements to date. The informative discussion was followed by attendance at a service user group.</p>	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete

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8.	That Public Health Wales be requested to progress with its research to quantify the benefits of current substance misuse treatment provision as a matter of urgency, in order that this data be used to inform the development of future services.	Liaison with Public Health Wales taken place. This action is being led by Welsh Government. A national Board has been established to review available data and gaps and this has been incorporated within the Welsh Government's new Delivery Plan.	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete  (Welsh Government to progress)
9.	That current treatment service arrangements are maintained but that more work is done by developing a consistent outcome monitoring tool in order to better demonstrate the effectiveness/value for money of less structured treatment services.	<p>The re-commissioning of all third sector services mean that there will be a single outcome measure used by the new service. Drugaid will use both the TOP (Treatment Outcome Profile) and the 'Outcome Rating Scale' and 'Session Rating Scale' outcome tools as well as service user surveys.</p> <p>Outcome measurements are part of the Welsh Government National Drug and Alcohol Misuse Database and are reported on by services.</p> <p>Welsh Government has also piloted a Young Persons Outcome Tool. The pilot is in the process of being reviewed and it is hoped the new tool will become operational across providers in 2017.</p>	Kate Thomas / Joanna Dainton	Complete