



Integration Joint Board

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This Report relates to
Item 8 on the Agenda

Dumfries and Galloway Alcohol and Drug Partnership Update

(Paper presented by Grahame Clarke)

For Approval

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List of Background Papers	Not Applicable
Appendices	Appendix 1 - Alcohol and Drug Partnership Additional Funding Proposals Summary Appendix 2 - Alcohol and Drug Partnership Investment Area Funding Summary Appendix 3 – Scottish Government Programme for Government Funding Letter

SECTION 1: REPORT CONTENT

Title/Subject: Dumfries and Galloway Alcohol and Drug Partnership Update

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Action: For Approval

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Dumfries and Galloway Alcohol and Drug Partnership is funded by the Scottish Government to deliver alcohol and drug prevention, treatment and recovery initiatives and services across Dumfries and Galloway. All ADPs are accountable to their local Integration Joint Board and are required to ensure that the Integration Joint Board have oversight of the work streams and plans being progressed.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- **Note the ongoing work by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Executive Group in relation to the identification of investment areas for the additional Scottish Government Funding.**
- **Approve the priority areas of investment identified by the Alcohol and Drug Partnership Executive Group, prior to a finalised submission to the Scottish Government, noting the caveats around ongoing work in a small number of areas.**
- **Approve the period over which the investment areas should be funded, recognising the difficulty in progressing some of the proposals within the remainder of year 1.**

3. Background

- 3.1 In August 2018, the Scottish Government provided details of additional recurring funding for investment in services to specifically reduce problem drug and alcohol use. Details of this additional funding were set out in the Scottish Government letter of 23rd August 2018 (**Appendix 1**) which is attached for information. This paper provides members with an update on the work by the ADP Executive Group to identify investment areas for the additional Scottish Government funding.

4. Main Body of the Report

- 4.1 During September, October and November 2018, the ADP began to identify potential investment areas for funding, examining current gaps in prevention, treatment and recovery services within the Dumfries and Galloway area. In addition to the potential investment areas identified by the ADP Support Team and Chair, a number of other investment areas were suggested by ADP Executive Group members and partner organisations.
- 4.2 The ADP Support Team and Chair thereafter reviewed all of the potential investment areas submitted, evaluating each against the 7 criteria set out in the Scottish Government letter of 23rd August 2018 (**Appendix 1**), these being:
- 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 including where these are reported as secondary waits under the Local Delivery Plan Standard.
 - Improved retention in treatment particularly those detoxed from alcohol and accessing opioid substitution therapy.
 - Developing advocacy services.
 - Improved access to drug/alcohol treatment services amongst those accessing inpatient hospital services.
 - Whole family approaches to supporting those affected by problem drug/alcohol use.
 - Continued development of recovery communities.
- 4.3 Following discussion at the ADP Executive Group meeting on 13th December 2018, the attached summary document has been prepared which gives key information on each of the investment areas identified and where appropriate, approved by the ADP Executive Group, along with details of the key challenges, intended outcomes and investment measures.
- 4.4 Members are also informed that a number of investment areas remain the subject of ongoing discussion, prior to final agreement by the ADP Executive Group. This has been identified within the attached summary document Additional Funding Proposal Summary Dec 2018 (**Appendix 2**), with appropriate explanation and will be reported to the IJB in due course. It should also be noted that the ADP is currently examining at least 2 other potential investment areas, these being specialist housing support and health and wellbeing support. There are degrees of co-dependency with other existing contracts, particularly within the council which could result in these areas becoming priorities. This may result in some changes to the investment areas supported by the ADP Executive Group which would of course be reported to the IJB.
- 4.5 Members will note that the additional funding for investment in services was initially provided for a three-year period covering the length of the current Parliament from 2018 to 2021. Within the Scottish Government funding letter, it was indicated that year 1 and beyond would allow investment to prepare the ground for longer term system change, while years 2 and 3 would allow implementation of system change to deliver new models of care in line with the priorities identified.

- 4.6 However, it is acknowledged that only 3 months remain of year 1 and that this must be taken into account when considering any local investment plans. As members will see each proposal contained within the summary documents (Appendix 1 and 2) has been fully funded over a complete 3-year period in order to maximise the value, length and benefit of the proposal. That said, it is acknowledged that it will be difficult to progress many of these proposals within the remainder of year 1 and that implementation may be delayed until the early part of year 2 (2019/20). This would mean that a number of the proposals would run for a 3-year period from 2018 - 2021, while others would run for a 3-year period from 2019 – 2022, with the associated challenges around managing the budget at local level. This is the preferred option of the ADP Executive Group.
- 4.7 The only other option would be to progress all proposals during year 1 (2018 – 2019), accepting that not all would be implemented during that period and that some, in line with the Scottish Government’s own guidance would be limited to research and preparation for longer term system change, during this period. This would mean that these proposals would be reduced to a 2-year period of service delivery as opposed to 3 years.
- 4.8 All ADPs were asked to submit investment plans, detailing how the additional funding would be used to reduce problem drug and alcohol use, which were to be approved by their respective IJBs. Unfortunately, the submission to the Scottish Government required to be submitted by 26th October 2018 and, as such, timings did not allow for circulation or discussion of the proposals which were to be supported. Consequently, a draft submission circulated was forwarded to the Scottish Government with a clear indication that further discussion would be required to finalise the supported proposals, ahead of sign off by the IJB.
- 4.9 The Scottish Government indicated contentment that the submission was in draft and may change as local discussions progressed. Indeed, it is accepted by the Scottish Government that the 3-year investments plan may change, in response to challenges in different areas and have asked that this be reported to them.

5. Conclusions

- 5.1 Based on the information contained within the report, members are asked to note, discuss and approve the recommendations in Section 2.

SECTION 2: COMPLIANCE WITH GOVERNANCE STANDARDS

6. Resource Implications

- 6.1 Whilst there are no direct resource implications for the IJB, the recommendations made will result in a considerable increase in work for the existing ADP Support Team. As such, a proposal has been made within the attached summary document to recruit a fixed term Support Officer post within the ADP Support Team, to provide greater resilience within the Team. This has not yet been agreed by the ADP Executive Group and some additional information has been requested to gauge existing workloads within the Support Team

7. Impact on Integration Joint Board Outcomes, Priorities and Policy

- 7.1 The recommendations contained within this report are in line with the existing ADP National Outcomes and Priorities and with identified local priorities. They are also in line with the National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes, specifically outcomes 1, 4, 8&9.

8. Legal & Risk Implications

- 8.1 While there are no legal issues associated with the recommendations contained within this report, paragraphs 4.5 - 4.9 highlight the likely delays within the 3-year funding period. Members may wish to discuss the potential risk this poses in terms of funding for the 3 year period.

9. Consultation

- 9.1 The recommendations contained within this report are based upon a wide engagement with partner agencies, third sector organisations and other relevant stakeholders

10. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

- 10.1 An Impact Assessment is not required at this time.

11. Glossary

ADP	Alcohol and Drug Partnership
IJB	Integration Joint Board