



Dumfries and Galloway
Integration Joint Board

23rd September 2020

This Report relates to
Item 10 on the Agenda

Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2020-2021

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For Approval

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List of Background Papers:	N/A
Appendices:	Appendix 1 - Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy 2020-2021

Direction Required to Council, Health Board or Both	Direction to:	
	1. No Direction Required	
	2. Dumfries and Galloway Council	
	3. NHS Dumfries and Galloway	
	4. Dumfries and Galloway Council and NHS Dumfries and Galloway	X

1. Introduction

- 1.1 To advise members of the IJB of the development of the new Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy including a number of strategic priorities which will align to National Health and Wellbeing Outcomes for Health and Social Care.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Integration Joint Board is asked to:

- **Discuss and approve the attached Alcohol and Drug Partnership Strategy for 2020/2021 prior to submission to the Scottish Government**

3. Background and Main Report

- 3.1 Dumfries and Galloway Alcohol and Drug Partnership (ADP) is in the process of developing a new Alcohol and Drug Strategy to cover part of the 4-year period from April 2020 onwards. The new strategy will build on the previous ADP Strategy from 2017 – 2020 and will be underpinned by a number of national documents including the Scottish Government's national drug and alcohol strategy (Rights, Respect and Recovery), as well as the Alcohol Framework and the Public Health Priorities for Scotland, which aim to reduce the harm from alcohol and drugs. It will also take cognisance of the Partnership Delivery Framework and Ministerial Priorities as part of planning and reporting purposes which is required across all ADP areas.

- 3.2 Work continues on the new Strategy which must be submitted to Ministers by September 2020. This Strategy will be a one-year strategy, recognising the current situation and previous delays in the commissioning of services have limited consultation particularly with service users and those with lived experience. In addition, delays in establishing recovery communities and family support has limited consultation with these key groups. Recognising this, the new ADP Strategy will cover the period 2020/21 and will be focussed towards meaningful consultation with a view to assessing and meeting the needs of those affected by drugs and alcohol within the region. This short, sharply focussed strategy will allow significant consultation to be undertaken in a number of key areas and will provide the evidence on which to base a more comprehensive 3-year strategy which will cover the period 2021/2024.

- 3.3 That said the 2020/21 Strategy will include a number of strategic priorities which will have a public protection element, and which may require some degree of engagement with appropriate public protection disciplines as these priorities are implemented. These include:

- The establishment of an Assertive Outreach/Community Integration Service which will identify and work with those at a high risk of drug overdose & possibly alcohol related harm and those integrating back into the community from prison. This will be a mix of commissioned and statutory services to best meet the needs of those involved
- The establishment of a family Support Service to respond to the specific

needs and challenges of families affected by drug and alcohol use. This has been procured as a commissioned service, awarded to Alcohol and Drugs Support (ADS) South West Scotland in February 2020 but had ceased as a result of COVID-19. The service has now commenced again.

- The establishment of a robust network of recovery communities across the region to support and work with those in recovery. While 2 of the postholders for this service were recruited in March 2020, work had only progressed to point of set up. Again, this service has now commenced.
- The consideration of the ADP commissioned independent needs assessment (which will report in May 2020) to inform the development of new or redesign of services to meet the needs of children and young people affected by their own or someone else's drug or alcohol use. It is hoped that the needs assessment will improve the overall understanding of the wider issues for children, young people and families affected by drug and alcohol use.

3.4 Further updates will be provided to the IJB as this work progresses.

4. Conclusions

4.1 Based on the information provided, what are the conclusions that lead to the recommendations at the start of this Report?

5. Resource Implications

5.1 All activity required for the delivery of the priorities and engagement set out in this paper will be met from existing ADP resources.

5.2 All financial requirements for the delivery of the priorities and engagement set out in this paper will be met from existing ADP budget.

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

6.1 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.

7. Legal and Risk Implications

7.1 No legal implications or risk implications have been identified to date.

8. Consultation

8.1 The report and the attached strategy have been prepared following consultation with partners and stakeholders, represented on the ADP Executive Group, including appropriate 3rd sector representation.

9. Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment

9.1 The local priorities identified on page 5 of the attached Strategy have previously been the subject of a high-level Equality Impact Assessment to ensure that this proposed work did not unwittingly exclude those with protected characteristics under the Equalities Act 2010. A similar exercise will be conducted during the Strategy

Engagement Process.

10. Glossary

EQIA	Equalities Impact Assessment
IJB	Integration Joint Board
ADP	Alcohol and Drug Partnership

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DIRECTION

(ISSUED UNDER SECTIONS 26-28 OF THE PUBLIC BODIES (JOINT WORKING) (SCOTLAND) ACT 2014)

1.	Title of Direction and Reference Number	TBC
2.	Date Direction Issued by Integration Joint Board	23 rd September 2020
3.	Date from which Direction takes effect	23 rd September 2020
4.	Direction to	NHS Dumfries and Galloway and Dumfries and Galloway Council
5.	Does this direction supersede, amend or cancel a previous Direction? If yes, include the reference number(s)	No
6.	Functions covered by Direction	Alcohol and Drug Services, Adult Support and Protection
7.	Full text of Direction	To deliver the work outlined in the Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2020/21
8.	Budget allocated by Integration Joint Board to carry out Direction	This work will be delivered within the budget already allocated to the Alcohol and Drug Partnership
9.	Desired Outcomes	This strategy will allow for wider engagement with service users, staff and for the delivery of future services and recovery communities.
10.	Performance Monitoring Arrangements	Progress towards the 2021-21 Strategy will be reported through the Integration Joint Board
11.	Date Direction will be Reviewed	April 2021