

SUBJECT: Lanarkshire Alcohol & Drug Action Team (ADAT) Commissioning Strategy

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

This short report has been prepared to highlight the purpose and value of the Lanarkshire Alcohol and Drug Partnership having a commissioning strategy to guide investment in support of achieving national targets and outcomes.

2. BACKGROUND

The Scottish Government has established a National Performance Framework to guide public reporting on progress towards achieving the cross-government strategic objectives of a Healthier, Wealthier and Fairer; Safer and Stronger; Smarter and Greener Scotland. This approach requires public sector bodies to focus more strongly on outcomes if we are to successfully contribute to these goals. It is these outcomes that are used when we commission new services or update the Service Level Agreements with existing providers.

The Alcohol and Drug Partnership has delegated authority to set out the service priorities, and subject to approval by NHS Lanarkshire Board, to proceed with the commissioning process.

This process follows an annual commissioning cycle of assessing population need; planning to meet needs; commissioning and delivering services and monitoring performance and outcome.

This approach is of particular importance when there is high levels of need and demand for services which generates a level of competing priorities within the resources available. The commissioning strategy is designed to optimise the impact of available funds in meeting needs and improving performance against national targets. It is also essential that the approaches taken are compliant with National Policy and Legislation, including Equality and Diversity; Contracting Regulations and Standing Financial Instructions.

3. CONCLUSION

NHS Lanarkshire Board is asked to endorse this outcomes based commissioning approach which seeks to focus resources on the achievement of results for clients who use services.

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