

**Meeting of
Lanarkshire NHS Board
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**SUBJECT: LANARKSHIRE ALCOHOL & DRUG ACTION TEAM (ADAT)
STRATEGY**

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

This report has been prepared to advise Board members of the core aims and objectives for substance misuse services as set out in the Lanarkshire ADAT Strategy (2008–2011). It also sets out the proposed performance reporting arrangements of the Lanarkshire ADAT to the Scottish Government in 2008/09. Members are asked to approve the submission of the Strategy to the Scottish Government in April 2008 and receive the 3 year Delivery Plan in June 2008.

2 BACKGROUND

Alcohol & Drug Action Teams (ADATs) across Scotland were the subject of a national review in 2007. This Stocktake report provided generally positive feedback about the roles being played by ADATs across Scotland, however, indicated that there is a need to bring about more robust accountability arrangements within the wider context of Single Outcome agreements - with a new framework taking effect from 1st April 2009. In this “transitional year” ADATs continue to be the main vehicle for setting the strategic priorities within their health board area in order to bring a greater focus to service delivery.

3 LANARKSHIRE ADAT STRATEGY (2008–2011)

The Lanarkshire ADAT Strategy (2008–2011) was developed through analysis of local needs and is based around the national priorities that relate to alcohol and drug problems:

1. Safeguarding and promoting the interests of children, young people and families affected by substance misuse
2. Reducing the level of alcohol and drug-related harm at a community level
3. Providing support for individuals with alcohol and drug-related problems

Chapter 1 provides an overview of the ADAT partnership and the overall purpose of the strategy, while Chapter 2 includes the current trends in alcohol and drugs illustrating the issues facing the ADAT in responding to this very complex problem. The work that has taken place over the past three years, contextualised within the above three aims, is summarised in Chapter 3, while Chapter 4 describes the approach to addressing wider inequalities, such as income, jobs and housing.

A key recommendation of the Report of the Stocktake of Alcohol and Drug Action Teams was to improve and sharpen the leadership and governance arrangements in Scotland in order to deliver a more strategic and adaptable response to Scotland's alcohol and drug problems. Chapter 6 sets how the ADAT have reconfigured its planning and governance structures in order to deliver this goal. Chapter 7 concludes the strategy by setting out what further action is required to build on achievements over the past three years.

An Executive Summary is available while electronic copies can be down-loaded from the ADAT website (www.LanADAT.org.uk).

4 NEW NATIONAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG STRATEGIES

The Scottish Government are currently developing new National Alcohol and Drug Strategies which are expected to be published in summer 2008. To ensure synergy with these, the Lanarkshire ADAT will make sure that its 3 year Delivery Plan reflects the new Government outcomes for alcohol and drugs and that these are shared with partner agencies.

5 PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT 2008 - 2011

In line with the new approach being taken more generally by the Scottish Government, and by local authorities in developing their new Single Outcome Agreements, the Government are keen that an outcomes based approach underpins ADAT's performance management arrangements. They recognise, however, that time constraints may prevent plans for 2008/09 containing a fully worked up suite of outcomes and indicators.

A joint sub-group of the Scottish Advisory Committee on Drugs Misuse and the Scottish Ministerial Advisory Committee on Alcohol Problems are working to develop, by summer 2008, a suite of potential outcome indicators which ADATs should use with effect from 1st April 2009. This will continue work already underway on the performance management of health improvement activity (which focussed on alcohol) and local authority's Single Outcome Agreements.

The ADAT's 3 year Delivery Plan will follow the template of the Single Outcome Agreement and expand upon the existing locally agreed outcomes and indicators of partner organisations, including NHS Lanarkshire.

6. RECOMMENDATIONS

Members are asked to endorse the following recommendations which will fulfil Lanarkshire ADAT's reporting arrangements to the Scottish Government in 2008/09:

- Approve the submission of the ADAT Strategy 2008 – 2011 to the Scottish Government in April 2008
- Receive the 3 year Delivery Plan in June 2008