

AGENDA MANAGEMENT SHEET

Name of Committee Rugby Area Committee

Date of Committee 21 September 2006

Report Title **Action Plan Update - Drugs Substance and Alcohol Misuse (Rugby Panel)**

Summary This report advises the Area Committee on progress in relation to the Action Plan following the report of the Rugby Panel enquiry into Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby.

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Would the recommended decision be contrary to the Budget and Policy Framework? No.

Background papers Agenda 4 Rugby Area Committee 14 September 2005 – Final Report of the Drugs, Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby Panel

CONSULTATION ALREADY UNDERTAKEN:- Details to be specified

- Other Committees
- Local Member(s) N/A
- Other Elected Members Councillor Vereker
- Cabinet Member Councillor Hobbs
- Chief Executive
- Legal Sarah Duxbury
- Finance
- Other Chief Officers William Brown Strategic Director of Community Protection
- District Councils

Health Authority

Police

Other Bodies/Individuals

FINAL DECISION NO

SUGGESTED NEXT STEPS:

Details to be specified

Further consideration by this Committee By this committee

To Council

To Cabinet

To an O & S Committee

To an Area Committee

Further Consultation

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Rugby Area Committee - 21 September 2006.

**Action Plan Update - Drugs Substance and Alcohol Misuse
(Rugby Panel)**

**Report of the Strategic Director of Performance and
Development**

Recommendation

That the Area Committee considers the progress against the Action Plan

On 14 September 2005 the Area Committee considered the Final Report of the Drugs Substance and Alcohol Misuse in Rugby Panel and agreed to monitor progress against the action plan. Attached as an Appendix is the Action Plan with an update on progress for members to consider.

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23 August 2006

ACTION PLAN - DRUGS, SUBSTANCE AND ALCOHOL MISUSE IN RUGBY PANEL

| Recommendation | Will it be implemented? If yes, indicate how. If no, state reasons. | Responsibility for implementation | Target date for completion plus allocated resources | Comments |
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| A - INFORMATION, SERVICES AND RESOURCES | | | | |
| <p>1. That the Warwickshire Drugs Action Team be asked to:</p> <p>a) Investigate the feasibility of a research study which, using national and local information, is able to establish baselines on the nature and scale of substance misuse in Rugby and;</p> <p>b) Provide a sustainable information system that allows for the effective and efficient provision of services and resources.</p> <p>For: Drug Action Team, Kit Leck to respond</p> | <p>a) Yes. The DAT has previously investigated the feasibility of research studies.</p> <p>b) The new HALO system is being implemented in spring of 2006.</p> | Drug Action Team staff officers | <p>a) November 2005. No resource.</p> <p>b) HALO – Spring 2006</p> | a) The DAT do not have the capacity to undertake a detailed research study. Lorna Ferguson attempted to establish baselines as part of her alcohol audit but lack of data meant district level analysis not possible. Any in-depth study would require an outside agency being commissioned. |
| <p>2a. That the three Warwickshire Primary Care Trusts be asked to investigate issues regarding clarification of resource allocation and spend in order to ensure transparency and accountability.</p> <p>For: Peter Maddock, Chief Executive to respond</p> | Yes. The PCT has informed the Committee that this work is currently being undertaken. | PCTs | N/A | N/A |
| <p>2b. That the three Warwickshire Primary Care Trusts be asked to review the suitability and effectiveness of accommodation arrangements for the Community Drugs Teams in operation within the County.</p> <p>For: Peter Maddock, Chief Executive to respond</p> | Yes. The PCT has informed the Committee that this work is currently being undertaken. | PCTs | N/A | It is hoped that the newly commissioned Tier 2 drugs services will take some of the clients off the CDTs. New GPs have also signed up to Shared Care in Rugby. Both these measures will reduce pressure on the CDTs where they feel |

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| <p>2c. That in seeking to address the problems identified in 2a and 2b above, the Primary Care Trusts consider the appointment of an independent mediator in order to assist and ensure that the issues are resolved in an impartial and transparent manner. For: Peter Maddock, Chief Executive to respond</p> | <p>No. There are no plans at the present time to appoint a mediator as it is not felt that one is needed.</p> | <p>PCTs</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>capacity is an issue. N/A</p> |
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| B - PREVENTION, EDUCATION AND SIGNPOSTING | | | | |
| <p>3. Information relating to drugs education, prevention and treatment should be available in the reception areas of all public buildings in Warwickshire (Rugby?) and a poster campaign should be run highlighting the services that are available. Where capacity building is required in the furtherance of these objectives, these should be undertaken in consultation with all agencies.</p> <p>For: Drug Action Team, Kit Leck to respond</p> | <p>Maybe. Promotion work could be done but the question is by whom? The PCT note that the present Warwickshire Specialist Health Promotion Service is being reviewed. If the new service is to be identified as the lead agency for the preventative work on drugs and alcohol, then there would be a need to address capacity and finance to deliver a prevention programme.</p> | Unclear | NA | <p>Similar calls for a 'publicity / information campaign' have been made in the new Warks Alcohol Strategy, however, again no agency or group was identified to take on this responsibility.</p> <p>Update: Various agencies have literature but no-one has been tasked with co-ordinating or paying for this info campaign.</p> <p>If WSHPS is tasked there needs to be additional investment in the service for additional staff and resources.</p> |
| <p>4. Notwithstanding Recommendation 3 above, a high profile campaign on alcohol misuse in Rugby is required urgently in order to acknowledge and address the scale of the problem within the Borough.</p> <p>For: Drug Action Team, Kit Leck to respond</p> | <p>As the PCT note, this forms part of the above action (4). It is not clear who the lead agency should be or who should pay for this work.</p> | Unclear | NA | <p>See above. Partners need to discuss the options open to them.</p> <p>Update: There have been campaigns on alcohol, particularly in the run up to Xmas, which were run and managed by the Police and</p> |

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| | | | | the Community Alcohol Service, but there is no long-term campaign planned or funded. |
| 5. Greater involvement and co-operation is required from all GP's and pharmacies to ensure identification and referrals are made where possible. For: Peter Maddock, Chief Executive to respond | (see point 6) | - | - | Pharmacies are already involved in work around the county by offering the needle exchange service and supervised consumption. |

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| C - TREATMENT | | | | |
| <p>6. The three Primary Care Trusts promote and increase the involvement of GP's in the treatment of drugs, alcohol and substance misuse.</p> <p>For: Anne Heckles, Chief Executive to respond</p> | Yes. | PCTs and DAT | | <p>Shared care arrangements with GPs are currently being developed in partnership with, Rugby Primary Care Development Group and Warwickshire Drug Action Team.</p> <p>Update: 6 GP practices have joined the Shared Care scheme and will be working closely with the CDTs to manage drug-using clients.</p> |
| <p>7. Warwickshire Probation Service address the compliance problems experienced by DTTO clients in Rugby as a result of the location of treatment facilities.</p> <p>For: Probation Service, Pat Johnson to respond</p> | No. | - | - | <p>No particular compliance problems noted in Rugby. Transport is provided to all treatment locations outside Rugby.</p> |

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| D - COUNCIL PARTNERSHIPS | | | | |
| 8. The Borough Council increase the number of sharps bins at strategic locations around Rugby (including the upper floor of the John Barford Car Park) to promote harm minimisation and public safety. For: Rugby Borough Council | Possibly. | Borough Council, SWPCT | Unknown | Investigations have been carried out. No appropriate place has been found to locate sharps bins. Awaiting suggestions from SWPCT needle exchange service for other possible locations. |
| 9. That the Housing Department of the Borough Council and the Supporting People Team of the County Council improve the quality of housing support services to people with drugs and alcohol misuse in order to ensure successful and sustained rehabilitation. For: Rugby Borough Council, K Stone to respond | Yes | Borough Council, | Unknown | The Borough Council has developed a model of housing based on a Leicester model to accommodate substance misusers and support their sustained rehabilitation. |
| 10. The Borough Council refer to issues regarding substance misuse in the Community Plan. For: Rugby Borough Council | Yes | Borough Council | Unknown | Partners through the LSP are developing a new Sustainable Community Strategy (2007-10) that will contain targets and actions for joint-working around substance misuse issues, linking to County-wide targets being developed through the Local Area Agreement. Target date for completion: March 2007 (new Sustainable Community Strategy to be in place to start April 2007). |
| 11. The licensing policies of the Borough Council recognise and reflect the scale of alcohol misuse highlighted in this report. For: Rugby Borough Council | Awaiting info. | Awaiting info. | Awaiting info. | Awaiting info. |

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| E - ENSURING IMPROVEMENT | | | | |
| <p>12. That the Warwickshire Drugs Action Team, through liaison with relevant agencies, produce an action plan which clarifies the extent to which these recommendations will be implemented, the lead agencies responsible for the implementation of each recommendation, the resources required and the timescales for implementation.</p> <p>For: Drug Action Team, Kit Leck to respond</p> | <p>Yes. The Action Plan will be circulated amongst partners and they will be asked to complete the relevant sections.</p> | <p>Drug Action Team staff officers</p> | <p>November 2005 No resource</p> | <p>None.</p> |
| <p>13. The Local Strategic Partnership be asked to promote linkages in tackling drugs, alcohol and substance misuse.</p> <p>For: Rugby LSP to respond</p> | <p>Unclear.</p> | <p>Rugby LSP (Local Strategic Partnership)</p> | <p>-</p> | <p>This recommendation has not been brought to the LSP Board. However, linkages have been promoted within the LSP through the Rugby TDADG, the CDRP, the Health & WellBeing Theme Group and the Better Brownsover Partnership (all of which operate under the LSP). The LSP is developing a new Sustainable Community Strategy based on the five 'blocks' of the County-Wide Local Area Agreement. 'Drugs, alcohol and substance misuse' issues affect all blocks and the LSP will need to consider how best to promote linkages between the blocks.</p> |
| <p>14. The Rugby Area Committee monitor the implementation of the above Action Plan</p> <p>For: Rugby Area Committee, Phil Maul to respond</p> | <p>Yes – the RAC agreed to monitor the implementation of the plan.</p> | <p>Rugby Area Committee</p> | <p>Ongoing</p> | <p>Done</p> |